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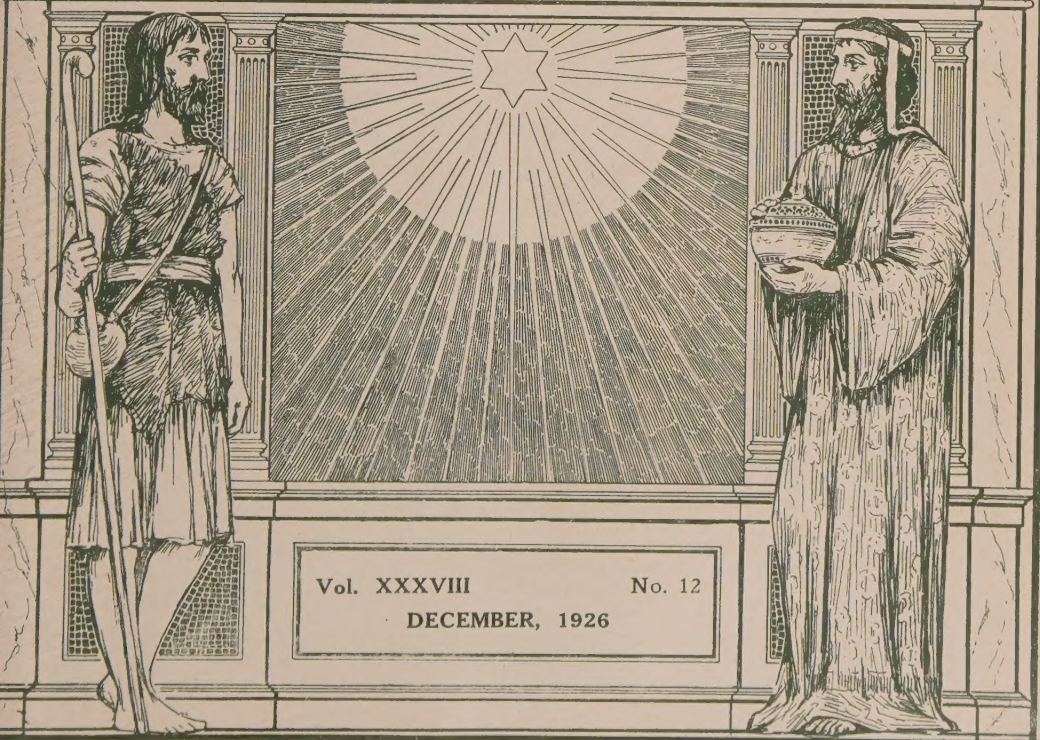

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Questions That Betray Wishes

Shall Christmas succumb to paganism?

Shall commercial interests dominate Christmas?

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS!

Will every Leaguer remember Him this Christmas?

Will every League home make room for Him this Christmas?

Will the consciousness of His PRESENCE make THIS CHRISTMAS TRULY HAPPY?

Sustaining Memberships for 1926

OUR LATEST LOYALISTS

The money is rolling in, but not fast enough to clear up our financial skies. By casting an eye over the record below it is easy to see how your organization is backing the League. If you think the record ought to be better you are privileged to start right out and better it. Please do not blame your officers or the members of some other League but remember that the "Let George-do-it-habit" never got anybody anywhere that he wanted to go.

By the way, is the Luther League a friend of yours? A good friend? Well of course you will remember your friends at Christmas time. The S. M. gives you a fine opportunity. John Greiner, Jr., Scranton, Pa., is the Secretary of the S. M. Fund and you may send in your Christmas greetings to him.

To those *who have* backed us with their gifts of love during 1926 the General Secretary desires to express sincere appreciation. This has been a testing year. The splendid friendships made in this one year have been worth all it has cost. The whole hearted support of our League leaders has been a revelation. And to those *loyalists* who have "gone the second mile" in their giving through the S. M. the General Secretary would like to say a personal "Thankee!" Dues are duty but the S. M. is a privilege of friendship!!!!

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SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP
To October 23, 1926

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SOUTH CAROLINA—Total 12.
Lexington District Luther League
COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Total 3.
GEORGIA—Total 2.
KANSAS—Total 3.
VIRGINIA—Total 16.
TEXAS—Total 3.
WISCONSIN—Total 5.
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IOWA—Total 6.
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TENNESSEE—Total 1.
CALIFORNIA—Total 2.
DELAWARE—Total 1.
PACIFIC NORTHWEST—Total 1.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

ENDURING SATISFACTION

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing, leave behind us
Foot-prints on the sands of time."

"Let your lives be like a snowflake, which leaves a mark but not a stain."

As we begin the recording of some thoughts which we hope will prove to be inspirational and practical, to the large army of intelligent Lutheran youth, we are deriving some real inspiration by looking into the face of a departed Episcopal rector, as depicted by a local newspaper. We could easily permit our thoughts to be most solemn for every one of us locally has lost a real Christian friend and companion. During our pastorate in this City we formed a very warm friendship with this Saint. We are justly proud of the fact that we had

some appeal to him because of our personal positive Christian convictions and the courage to stand back of them. But it is Dr. Jacob Brittingham, of whom we wish to write. The great pastor was in charge of a local parish for 37 years, and a real friend to all men. And what a memorial he has left for future generations—not wealth or perhaps even greatness as the world measures that; but the sublime memory that the world was lifted closer to the throne of God because he lived.

One of the local pastors wrote concerning him these touching words: "Dr. Brittingham was one of the noblest men I have ever known. I have enjoyed an intimate friendship with him for almost 23 years. His godly life and cheerful spirit have been an inspiration to me in my ministry in Wheeling. He was kindness and sympathy personified. His earliest and lasting passion was to preach the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be active going about doing good. He had the whole community for his parish and everyone loved and revered him as a holy man of God.

"Wheeling has suffered an irreparable loss in his passing and his holy influence and blessed memory will linger here through the generations yet to come. When Dr. Brittingham went Home, one of the gentlest, purest spirits God ever gave to earth, passed within the veil."

Leaguers, was it all worth while? What greater legacy would you dare attempt to leave to your fellow-men? In what other life work are there such unbounded opportunities to leave such a memory, as in the blessed ministry of the Word of God? We here are all better and stronger servants of our Christ because God gave to the world Jacob Brittingham.

Regional Life Service Classes

Mr. William Elliott, State Life Service Secretary of Ohio informs us that Ohio is now fully organized in its Life Service Department. A hint to all other State L. S. Secretaries. The Western District of the above State is conducting regional L. S. Classes under competent leadership. In the smaller Cities all the Leagues meet at a central place for the class. In larger cities no doubt several classes will be conducted simultaneously.

York, Pa. Speaks Out

Mr. J. L. R. Schiding, the District President called a special meeting of all L. S. Secretaries of his District and handed out L. S. Books for each League at that meeting.

At the above meeting the following plans were adopted and copies of the same were mailed to every L. S. Secretary and President.

First—Life Service Books: We are going to place in the hands of every Life Service Secretary in our District, the following two books, "What Shall I Do with My Life?" Donnelly, and "Guide Posts to Life Work," Wallace B. Fleming, for use in their Church and Society.

Second—Life Service Study Classes: We are asking every Society to organize a Study Class sometime during the year and use the study book, "What Shall I Do With My Life?" This book is divided into three parts and a test on each part will be given to those taking the course and each person receiving an average of 65 per cent. or over will be given a diploma from the District. Mimeographed copies of this book will be made and sent to you for those taking the course or they may buy the book if they choose.

Third—Life Service Finance Stars: To carry out our Life Service Work, we decided to use the finance stars again and fill them as often as you can and bring them to the District Convention on November 6th at Wrightsville or send them to me. Let's beat last year's record, which was $54.00. It can be done! Let's go to it!

There has been a Life Service Packet made up for every Society. Have you opened yours yet? Did you see our outlines, tracts, cards showing the work we are trying to do in our District? Have you handed out those cards with the Great Questions? (The card referred to contained the following questions: How Can I Do the Most Good in the World? How Can I render the Largest Service? How Can I make My Life Count to the Utmost in the Things That Are Noble? He whose decision as to life work is dominated by such considerations has accepted Christ's view of human responsibility and is on the way to learn God's will for his life.—Ed.) Have you had those cards filled out by the young people of your Church and Society and those going to College and Seminary? Send them in to me as soon as possible. If you need any more tracts, cards or further information, just write or phone me and I will send you what you need. We are going to count on you and your Society in this Great Work among our Young People.

The Annual Life Service Day

It is by no means too early to make final preparations at this time for the observance of the Annual Day of Prayer and Life Service Day on the last Sunday in February. The foregoing Programs should be suggestive in this preparation. The Board of Education of the U. L. C. will no doubt have a new Service ready in due time and may be had by writing to 212 Evangelical Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa. If you do not have full information regarding The Official Service Shield

write to the above address and the information will be forthcoming. An impressive Service can be built up very easily with a dedicatory service of the Shield. Perhaps you have not yet presented one of the very impressive L. S. Pageants published by the Board of Education.

Books on Life Service

If you will refer to the March and August issues of 1923 Luther League Review, you will find two rather complete lists of such books and pamphlets. Other suggestions have been included in practically every issue in the L. S. Department.

One of the very splendid books which we have not seen given much consideration among Leaguers is "The Choice of a Career," Garfield Evans and Ina C. Brown. This may be had in the paper covers at a very nominal price. It is one book which Leaguers should not overlook.

Looking Ahead

The local League President and Life Work Secretary should see that the Leader for the February 27th Topic does not wait to learn what his Topic is until a week or a few days previous to the meeting. The suggestions given in the Topics Booklet and Review will all require preparation weeks in advance of the date for the meeting.

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"

THE LUTHER LEAGUE AND CHRISTMAS

Home for the Christmas holidays! What will our Luther Leaguers who are home from college for ten days or perhaps two or three weeks do to celebrate Christmas? Home for the Christmas holidays! How great it is after four months away at college! Home for the Christmas holidays—but why? The guests who were invited to the birthday feast and failed to greet the one in whose honor the feast was made were thoughtless. Home for the Christmas holidays—whether we are college students or whether we are young people who turn aside from our regular routine for ten days of Christmas celebration—what shall we do to show that we do not forget the Christ who made Christmas?

Why not turn the Luther League program for Christmas Sunday over to the college students? It is a missionary program and should be well rendered. This missionary program for Christmas Sunday is the climax of our programs on Immigrants in America? Why not use Christmas Sunday as well as the Christmas holidays to bring cheer to the foreigner, whether he be Serb or Pole, Czech, or Slovak? The foreigner to you at this Christmas season may be an American —some one who has previously been outside your circle, and perhaps outside the circle of all of the members of your League. If your city does not have a Slavic foreigner, search for an American who needs you and do all that you can to make the Christmas message a message for "all people."

Christmas Offering

A Christmas offering for missions! There seems no straighter way that a Christmas gift can be made to Christ than through an offering for missions. An offering that will help give the message to "all people" should be made in every League on Christmas Sunday, whether the offering carries the message to India or Africa, to China or Japan. If the missionary secretaries will distribute special envelopes the members will be reminded of this Christmas offering for missions.

An Apology

"Why do editors get gray hair?" is answered by such an error as is discovered in last month's Missionary Department. Miss Ruth Nease did win first prize in the Story Contest but her story was "Tomekas Land." The story we are printing won second prize and is by Miss Grace Harper, Findlay Ohio. Both winners are to be heartily congratulated and to both a humble apology is hereby extended for the mistake. How it happened the editor is unable to discover Dr. Melhorn, editor of the *Lutheran* has asked for permission to print the story of Miss Nease so we will yield that privilege It will give a wider field of readers an opportunity to enjoy "Tomekas Land."

Suggestion to Parents

Have you been puzzled to know what to give your son or daughter for Christmas Why not give a trip to the Salisbury Convention? The trip itself will end the 5th of July; but the inspiration that will result from the trip will never end.

Suggestion to Luther Leaguers Who Have the Privilege of Selecting Their Own Christmas Presents?

Why not ask for a trip to the Salisbury Convention for a Christmas present? Is there another present that you would rather have. If not, let it be known that you want

all of your family to unite in giving you this one present. The pleasure that will come to you from the days of association with all the young people who will be there will make you know that you made a wise selection from the viewpoint of pleasure. The inspiration that will come to you will be a joy forever.

A Good Plan

One Luther League is planning to have Salisbury Convention Christmas gift cards distributed among the parents. The missionary secretary will distribute them. They will buy one cent Christmas cards and will write their suggestions on them. On one side of the card there will be written or printed:

"Don't worry what your gift shall be.
If you want to make this Christmas merry
Just read the other side and see
That you will give a trip to Salisbury."

On the other side there will be:

"My Christmas present to .....
.....
will be a trip to the
SALISBURY CONVENTION"

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MISSIONARY TOPICS FOR 1927

Our missionary topics for 1927 are not based on one text book as they have previously been. So many of our Luther Leagues are organizing mission study classes that there is a duplication if the monthly program is based on the same text book used in the study classes. For this year another plan will be tried. After it has been tried, missionary secretaries are asked to write to the General Missionary Secretary and express an opinion as to which course is better.

The programs for this year are:

January—Andhra College—A Gilt Edge Investment
February—Life Service
March—What Does a Missionary Do?
April—If I Were to Be a Foreign Missionary, What Country Would I Choose?
May—Our Lutheran Mission in China
June—The Moslem World
July—Great Missionary Characters of Our Church
August—What Is Our New Board, and What Its Task?
September—What Would Happen if All Church Members Were Really Christian?
October—For What Does Protestantism Stand?
November—If I Were to be a Home Missionary, Where Would I Want to Work?
December—What Does Christmas Mean to the World?

In addition to the program material which will be given in the Luther League Review, the following leaflets are recommended as supplementary:

January—As We Turn Over a New Leaf—2c each; 10c doz.
February—Cluster of American Beauties—2c each; 10c doz.; The Girl Who Volunteered to Stay at Home, 2c each; 10c doz.
March—A Day in Our India Hospital, 3c.
April—Lutheran Fact Series, free.
May—Our Mission in China, free; Shall They Come from China, Too? free.
June—Islam, 2c; 15c doz.
July—Muhlenberg, 5c each; Passavant, 5c each; Day, 5c each.
October—The Greatest Moment in Modern History, 2c each.
November—Dealing in Futures, free; The Romance of Home Missions, 5c.
December—My Best Gift, 2c each; 20c doz.; The Other Half of the Christmas Message, 2c; 10c doz.

These leaflets may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., at a cost, of 25c for a packet of one each. All of the leaflets should be ordered at the beginning of the year. Ask for the 1927 L. L. Mission Packet.

Prize Story

SUBMITTED BY MARCIA MARQUE GRACE HARPER

(*Continued from November*)

"But will you be safe, Harry?"

"Yes, quite safe, so far as I know now," he answered.

She returned to where she had been sitting while he went to the door and rapped. The door opened a small space. Mr. Norton pushed it open the remaining space and looked in. He felt in his pocket for his flashlight. By chance it was there. He produced his flashlight and lit it. As he pressed the button, he flashed it to one corner where in a crumbled heap lay the form of a woman. The light fell here for a moment, then shifted around the room. In another corner crouched a lad.

"Well, son, what's all the racket for? Why didn't you let me in in the first place?"

"How'd I know who you were? I thought it was some of those rascals again for us to pay the bills. At least by the way you use that light, maybe you are."

"No, I'm not. We heard a cry and came to see where it came from. What——"

"We? So there is more of you, is there? Well you might as well go before the rest get here."

"It is just my wife and me. We came for some Bittersweet to decorate the house. What's this?" he suddenly asked, flashing the light toward the body.

"That is my mother," said the lad. "She fainted and there she fell and there she still lays. I can't do a thing with her. She fights me off every time I try to do anything. Then she cried out so loud that it frightened me so much I hid in the corner over there." He pointed out the corner where a few minutes before he had been so silently crouching.

Mr. Norton in the meantime walked over, handed his flashlight to the trembling and still shaking boy, with instructions, "Now you come over here and hold the light like—yes, now that's it. Hold it so I can see, but don't let it shine in your mother's face. I'll try to lift her and see what I can do for her."

The boy stood patiently by, watching every move of Mr. Norton, who was busy engaged in a rather difficult task. At first he had intended to carry her to the cot in the corner, but this he found impossible. Because of her portly build it was all he could do to turn her over. He could see her days were numbered, but could not think what was best to do. Still undecided, he turned to the boy.

"My boy, your mother is in serious condition. We must have a doctor. How can we arrange it? If there was a gate near here we might be able to carry her to the car. Is there any gate around near here? I might be able to bring the car in."

"There is no gate around here but can't we carry her to the car? Surely a boy ten years old can help to carry his very own mother to a car that will take her where she will get well again."

Mr. Norton turned around and was about to call his wife when he saw her standing just behind him in the dim outline of the light.

"When did you come in? I was just coming after you. I guess we will have to carry this boy's mother to the car and take her to the hospital till she gets well. She is in a sorry condition."

"Harry, I hate to do that. Let's take her to our house and keep her till she gets well, wouldn't that be better?"

"No, I don't believe it would, and besides you are all unstrung as it is. We will keep the boy if you want to."

"Well, all right, let's be going. Where is the boy?"

Mr. Norton turned around and saw the boy no longer was holding the light but had laid it down on a table.

"I wonder where he did go. I don't know his name or I would call him," answered her husband.

Just as he turned he felt a tug at his sleeve. "Sir, I cannot go as I have no clothes to wear in the city. I'll stay here and keep the house. Please take good care of my mother, won't you?" he asked in a pleading voice.

"Well, you can go along and we will get you some clothes. Here, help lift her and we will soon be ready to go."

The boy protested no more and helped to lift his mother. Together they carried her out of the door and started towards the machine. Mrs. Norton carried the flashlight and the three stumbled along until they came to the fence. Here they all helped to get the lady over the fence and into the car. At last it was accomplished and they were soon starting towards town. They drove carefully and moderately and soon were to the hospital. Soon all the nurses and helpers were popping with the excitement the Nortons had aroused.

The woman was put in a comfortable bed and the doctor, after examining her told Mr and Mrs. Norton that they had better go home and take the boy along. They returned to their home and soon were to the hospital. Soon all the nurses and helpers were popping with the excitement the Nortons had aroused.

The woman was put in a comfortable bed and the doctor, after examining her told Mr. and Mrs. Norton that they had better go home and take the boy along. They returned to their home and soon the boy's eyes opened big when he saw where he was to stay for a while. Soon the Norton home was fast asleep.

The following week was a strenuous one on Mrs. Norton. Every day she visited the hospital and went shopping to buy clothes for the boy. Although she worked hard she seemed to bear under the strain for color was even coming into her cheeks. The boy seemed contented in the Norton home. He would wander around the rooms and do everything to content himself. He worried about his mother some, for she always seemed to be asleep when he was in the room.

Two weeks later, Mr. Norton came up the steps with a worried look on his face. He met his wife in the hall.

"Mary, I don't know what to do. Tag

mother died about half an hour ago. I don't know how to break it to the lad."

He had told them his nickname was Tag and he had never heard anything but Tag.

As they were speaking Tag came in the door. He looked down-hearted. He did not see Mr. and Mrs. Norton until Mr. Norton spoke to him.

"Tag, I have something to say to you but I don't know how to express it. I——"

"If you have just had word from the hospital about my mother, I have already heard she is dead. I don't know what I will do except go to work. I have lost my very best friend now."

"Well, Tag, if you will be a good boy you can stay here, go to school, high school and college. You will then be able to take care of yourself."

Nothing more was said about it for over a week. In the meantime Tag's mother was laid to rest. Mr. Norton had called Tag into his Library. It was the first time he had been in this room. He glanced around the room, taking everything in at a glance.

Mr. Norton told him to be seated, then sat down himself.

"Now Tag, I want to know what we are going to do. If you start to school next week you will have to have a different name. What will it be?"

"Well, Sir, I—I—I don't know what to say. I can't remember of ever hearing anything but Tag. Please let me think it over."

He walked over to the window and for nearly a quarter of an hour didn't speak. Then he turned and said, "well, I'll leave the name to you. I don't know what name to say as I like quite a few."

"I, personally have always liked Bible names. Have you any pick of them?" asked Mr. Norton.

"Bible names? I don't believe I have ever heard that before. What are Bible names?"

"Tag, don't you know about Christ and how He was crucified and died to save us all? Can it be possible that you have never heard of it?" Mr. Norton was really quite surprised but still he was kind and talked to him in tender tones.

Tag hung his head a little and spoke slowly, "I never did. No one taught me such lessons or ever told me such stories." His voice choked and he could go no farther.

"Well son," said Mr. Norton, reaching into a drawer in his desk, "You may have this Book in which you will find that story and many others that perhaps I cannot quote now. This Book once belonged to my father. On his deathbed he asked me to give this to his first grandchild. I was the only son and you are the first grandchild, so I will give this to you and hope you will always read it. Now you go and ask Mrs. Norton what name she would like to call you. I know her favorite girl's name but not her favorite boy's name."

Tag disappeared through the door, holding tight on to his new possession. He looked through the house downstairs, then not finding her, he mounted the steps and went up through the long hall towards her room. He rapped softly. There was no reply. He knocked again and then asked, "May I come in?"

"Yes dear you may come in. How long have you been standing in the hall? I must have fallen asleep as I didn't hear you."

"I have knocked only twice. Mr. Norton sent me up to have you say what my name will be. See, he gave me this book to read and always keep," said Tag in way of explanation.

"Let me see what it is," Mrs. Norton requested.

Tag walked over to the window and looked down on the houses below. When he turned to Mrs. Norton she handed back his book.

"There, Tag, there is your name written in the inside of the cover. I hope you will like it and always be a good son to me. Now, son, return to your father for he is possibly waiting for you." She opened the door and as he passed through it she placed a light but thoughtful kiss on his cheek.

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TOO TRUE! OR IS IT?

Youth: "How fast will she go?"

Age: "How are the brakes?"—Rochester *Times-Union.*

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR FAMILY:—

The Richmond Convention of the United Lutheran Church is over and as I am homeward bound I am trying to evaluate this great meeting of our Church leaders. One very definite impression I carry away with me is the lobby of the Hotel Jefferson, between sessions, full of groups of delegates, some laughing around a famous story teller, some visiting about things in general, some

talking seriously of the problems before the convention and still others using the opportunity to renew college friendships and recall old times. Good fellowship was a mark of this convention both within and without the Convention Hall. In the convention sessions there was seldom heat or bitterness in debate. Opinions differed but defeat was taken in good part. Here is a splendid example for Luther League meetings and indeed for all meetings of Christians.

The re-election of Dr. Knubel as President, of Dr. Scherer as Secretary and of Dr. E. Clarence Miller as Treasurer was almost unanimous on the very first ballot. The Luther League through its General Secretary, extends to these our chosen leaders hearty congratulations and the assurance that the Luther League of America is theirs for every service it can render.

From the League standpoint it was a most satisfactory session. Resolutions endorsing the Executive Board's action in turning over Boys' Work to us and in permitting a relationship with the Boy Scout Movement were passed without debate. The hearing given Dr. Roehner, Chairman of the Committee having charge of our interests, Mr. William Menges, long time Luther League enthusiast, Rev. Mr. Wolf and myself, was most attentive and sympathetic. Our Luther League Exhibit, arranged by Rev. Mr. Wolf had the most attractive place in the Lobby and made a big hit with the convention. We are going to reap the fruits of this sowing for years to come. At the 1928 Convention which will be held in Erie, Pa., we must plan on the most complete exhibit ever given. State and Synodical Leagues should begin to save pictures and posters now.

The Rev. Mr. Wolf and I were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. L. Henna and were the envy of the convention. We had a perfectly delightful time. Her three daughters and two sons share with Mrs. Henna the thanks of Uncles Bim and Amos.

With the hand of the Rev. Dr. Frontz at the wheel I did have one sightseeing opportunity in a trip to Jamestown and Yorktown. Especially at Jamestown did I find an unexpected thrill as I stood on the ground made sacred by the first white settlement in America. Here one sees the outlines of the very earthworks they threw up for protection against the Indians. Here one sees bricks in the old Church tower that were laid in place by their hands. A bronze also records the place where Holy Communion was first celebrated in the new world. Luther Leaguers, you will do well to visit the ancient landmarks of your country. No doubt there are historic spots within easy reach of your home town. Why not read up the history and make a League pilgrimage?

The Southern White House, where President Jefferson Davis lived, is a most interesting museum. Most striking to me was the youth pictured among the paintings of Confederate officers. Think of a boy of seventeen serving as a Major General! Age declares war, youth pays the price in blood. God save us from any more war!

At Greensboro, N. C., I spent a day with an old friend and school-mate, Victor Sheldon Woodward, who heads the City Community Chest. This organization serves a fine purpose not only in saving the citizen from interminable charity appeals but also in standardizing the charities themselves. At Salisbury I met with a group that will be responsible for our entertainment next July. I told them that we would be coming to Salisbury *one thousand strong.* They will be ready for us. Plans include that big barbecue on the afternoon of the Fourth, an evening reception and stunt-nite, a great exhibit that will show our fields of service at home and abroad, attended by missionaries who will give personal conferences to delegates, and many other unusual features. The Salisbury folks will be ready for us, the program will be live to the last dot and all that is necessary to make our dreams come true is your attendance. *We want you!* An additional pleasure of my Salisbury visit was a call at the home of my last summer's host and hostess, Dr. and Miss Stirewalt at China Grove and a dinner party at the home of Miss Eva Peeler, a member of the General Literature Committee.

"I would rather die a thousand deaths than betray a friend or be false to a duty." These words came from the lips of a southern boy, still in his 'teens, who was hung as a spy. This is the glorious spirit of youth. What a life motto for you, my Luther Leaguer. How about the *best of friends?* What of *your Church* and *your League?* Mighty little heroism about us when it comes to these relationships! We can do better in 1927. *Will we? We will!!*

Faithfully your uncle,

Amos John Traver

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TARDINESS AN ABOMINABLE HABIT

Half the congregation in the average church comes in after the service has begun. This is an abominable habit on the part of our people. Of course, tardiness is sometimes inevitable, but it soon gets to be a habit. If the church service were a half hour later it would be the same thing. Some people may be counted on always to be late. This tardiness is not only an abominable habit, but an exhibition of wretched manners. What right have we to interfere with the meditation or the worship of the people who come early to our churches? And yet many people who are always late pride themselves on being the best mannered people in the congregation. Not infrequently they dress the best, and some have naively thought that is the reason why they come late. The real explanation of tardiness is thoughtlessness.—*Watchman-Examiner.*

Of course this does not apply to Luther Leagues! Or does it? Some organizations announce meetings for 8 P. M. and begin at 8:45 P. M. or later. Are they live, peppy meetings? If they are they outran a mighty big handicap.

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"SERVANTS OF THE KING"

Robert E. Speer wrote a book by this title way back in 1909 but in some way it escaped my attention till recently. It is a splendid collection of missionary biographies written in Speer's fine style. It would serve two causes in the Luther Leaguer's library, missions and life service. If you want to interest a young man or woman in consecration for full-time Church work, offer this book and follow it with your prayers.

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WEDDING BELLS

From *The Kit*, the loose leaf quarterly that goes with *Handy*, we offer the following. The tune is Jingle Bells.

Phone bells ring, sleigh bells ring,
Christmas bells ring dear,
Fire bells ring out wild alarms,
Bells ring in New Year;
Cow bells ring, door bells ring,
Of more bells I could sing,
But when I think of *Wedding Bells*,
O, ding, dong, ding, dong, *ding.*

—Ex. Service, S. D. State College.

INSTALLATION SERVICES

Through the courtesy of Rev. George Dorn we have several copies of installation services, one for League Officers and the other for Officers and Teachers in the Church School. They are prepared with gummed edge to be inserted in the pastor's Ministerial Acts. We will gladly send them to pastors who will enclose a return addressed envelope. They were prepared by the Nebraska Synod.

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TRY THE 1927 READING COURSE

"There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away,
Nor any courses like a page
Of prancing poetry.
This traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of toil;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears a human soul."

—*Emily Dickenson.*

"He ate and drank the precious words,
His spirit grew robust;
He knew no more that he was poor,
Nor that his frame was dust.
He danced along the dingy days,
And this bequest of wings
Was but a book. What liberty
A loosened spirit brings."

—*Emily Dickenson.*

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Time was that a dime novel was a dime novel, but now it sells for $2 and is called literature.—*New York Evening Post.*

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AN INGENIOUS ALIBI

The people who are most indolent physically are often quick enough mentally. Such was the case with a British workman. He was usually late in coming to work, and one day the foreman took him to task.

"It's a funny thing, Jim," he said, "you allus coming in a quarter of an hour behind the time and living next door to the works, while Teddy is allus on time, and lives three miles away!"

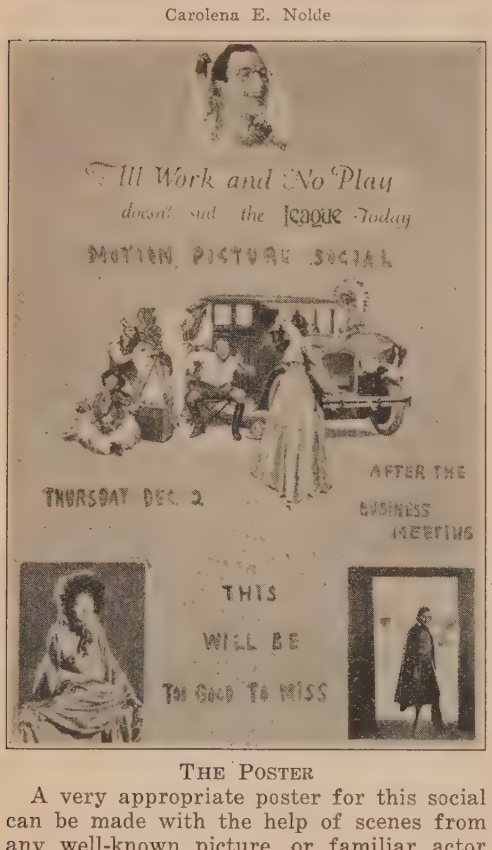
"There's nowt funny about it," retorted Jim. "If he's a bit late in a morning, he can hurry a bit; but if I'm late, I'm here."

One Social a Month

December

MOTION PICTURE SOCIAL

Carolena E. Nolde



THE POSTER

A very appropriate poster for this social can be made with the help of scenes from any well-known picture, or familiar actor or actress.

As the guests enter the room where the social is to be held, they must pass a table at which some one is sitting, taking down the answers to the following questions. (If your group is large, have more than one person to fill in the questionnaires).

Name .....
Age .....Weight .....
Complexion ..... Height .....
Eyes ..... Hair .....
Kind of Part You Prefer .....
Why? .....
Your Qualifications for the Part .....
Actor and Actress You Admire Most, and Why .....
Why Do You Want to Act in the Movies? .....

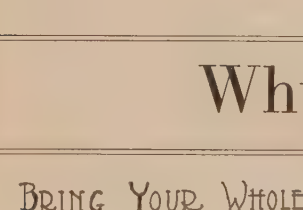
These questionnaires are held by the Social Secretary, and afterwards read, omitting the name—see how many you can guess correctly. The more amusing the answers, the better the game will be.

Name the Stars—Pictures of famous motion picture stars, cut from magazines, are hung where all can see. Guess who they are.

Sub-Titles—Cut pictures from any moving picture magazine—not close-ups, but scenes. Ask your group to write sub-titles for the pictures. Read them aloud, and decide on the best for each picture, by popular consent.

Moving Shadows—Hang a sheet in a doorway, arrange half of your group on each side of the sheet. Arrange your lights for shadow pictures, let those on the other side guess whose shadow is passing. After one side have guessed, change the groups around.

Why Worry? Ask!



DON'T WORRY!

"Curiosity killed the cat." Maybe! Curiosity has been the spur that has led the great inventors and discoverers to their goals. Curiosity is the first sign of sanity in the child and the way the growing youth climbs to knowledge. Why worry? Ask Uncle Amos. He doesn't know everything, but catch him!!!

Would you advise the formation of a Club outside the Luther League as a helper to build up the League? Membership in this Club would be open only to those active in League activities.

On general principles, no! Such clubs would seem to offer the possibility of cliques. Special activities such as orchestras or choral clubs could be run through committees of the League. An organization within an organization is likely to take energy that should be directed to the main organization work. I have never seen such a plan worked out as is suggested by your question. If it has been a success anywhere I should like to know.

Why don't you coordinate your program with that of the Sunday School?

Just what do you mean? Do you want the same topic in Sunday School and Luther League? One denomination is offering the same Bible lesson and topic but I am afraid there will be too much sameness. We expect our Leaguers in the Sunday School and I question whether they should not have a different subject to discuss in League. Remember too that our Church Schools are using many different systems of lessons so uniformity would be impossible anyway just now. There should, however, be hearty cooperation. In some cases whole departments could well be organized as Luther Leagues, Senior, Intermediate and Junior and at weekday and Sunday evening meetings carry out the full League program. Such a scheme looks upon the League as the medium of a self-determined program of service and an outlet for self-expression. Cooperation is the first step in coordination.

Did the Luther League get what it wanted from the U. L. C. at Richmond?

Absolatively and posolutely! Didn't have to do any argufying to get it either. The League was treated as a real part of the family and given every possible consideration. Many friends were made by the Luther League Exhibit. Uncle Bob Wolf planned this and it was fine. Next time every State and Synodical League should have its pictures there and make up posters to advertise its activities. Start to plan now.

How could the League be introduced into Sunday School?

If I understand your question you mean the League organization as a part of the Church School. Organized Classes could become Luther Leagues. A department could plan weekly devotional meetings, business and social meetings and affiliate with the L. L.

Educational Department

YOUR BIBLE

A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS
For December

Dec. 1.—Vain worship. Matthew 15:1-10.
" 2.—When tempted. Matthew 4:8-12.
" 3.—By sacrifice. Genesis 22:1-14.
" 4.—Humbly. Revelations 19:9, 10.
" 5.—Prov. 22:1-8, 1 Cor. 15:33.
" 6.—The source of all character. Luke 6:43-45.
" 7.—How right character is planted and what affects its full development, also the source of bad character; the mysterious energy, growth and exceeding preciousness of character. Matt. 13:1-45, Peter 1:23-25.
" 8.—What we call character is the fruit of what we cherish in our hearts. Galatians 5:16-24.
" 9.—The Holy Spirit causes the new character and its growth. Romans 8:1-16.
" 10.—The change in character caused by the Spirit and the Word is clearly seen in Paul. Compare Acts 9:1-2 with Romans 10:1-4.
Dec. 11.—A striking change in character is seen in Peter also. Compare Luke 22:47-62 with 1 Peter 4:12-16.
" 12.—Matt. 2:15-17.
" 13.—The Preciousness of Children. Matt. 18:1-6, 10.
" 14.—Christ wants the children. Matt. 19:13-15.
" 15.—His own childhood. Luke 2:41-52.
" 16.—Samuel's childhood—Consecration. 1 Samuel 2.
" 17.—Moses' childhood—Education. Acts 7:20-22.
" 18.—David's childhood—Work and Adventure. 1 Samuel 16:10-13; 17:34-36.
" 19.—Luke 2:1-20; Galatians 6:9-10.
" 20.—God so loved. John 3:16-17.
" 21.—Helping in the spiritual life. Galatians 6:1-10.
" 22.—With singing, thanksgiving and humility. Ephesians 5:15-21.
" 23.—Having Christ's Mind. Philippians 2:1-17.
" 24.—Forbearance and lowliness. Colossians 3:12-17.
" 25.—Unto Perfection. 1 Thesesalonians 6:1-16.
" 26.—Isaiah 9:1-8.
" 27.—Luke 2.
" 28.—John 21:44-50.
" 29.—1st Kings 8:22-62.
" 30.—Matthew 21:33-46.
" 31.—Romans 13:1-14.

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CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

At our request Sister Pearle Lyerly of Advent Church, New York City, has prepared a program for a Candle Light Installation Service. We have mimeographed a quantity and they can be had for five cents each. It is a most impressive service.

January 2, 1927
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

"GOD'S NEW COVENANT WITH US"

Hebrews 8:10-12

Mrs. A. J. Traver

To Leaders:—Ask the members to bring New Year's resolutions. Put them into a box and have them drawn at random and read aloud. Discuss. Have those present prepare another set which supposes the League to be the maker of the resolutions. This may become a very profitable way of getting out of old ruts and into new and better methods of service, conducting meetings, and so forth.

Discuss—We need not more resolutions but more resolution.

The whole eighth chapter of Hebrews should be read. It is a chapter of comparisons. Note especially the phrases in the sixth verse, "more excellent ministry," "mediator of a better covenant," "established upon better promises." Verse seven tells us why we need to turn over new leaves. We learn best by our failures.

We have just passed through the Christmas season and have been reminded of the message, "Peace on earth." Would there be any more war if we had God's laws truly in our minds and written in our hearts? (v. 10.) Discuss the promise in verse 10. Do we claim that promise? What is our part? God is all powerful but His plan for the world involves our reactions to that promise? "They shall be to me a people." That is what God expects of us. How wonderful to be invited to share in the biggest business in the world!

In verse 12, He promises to be lenient, a loving father. Absolute forgiveness is forgetfulness.

Moses proclaimed the old covenant. Jesus completed the law and established a new covenant, the covenant of love, sealed with His blood. It is only when we invite Jesus into our lives that God's laws are written in our hearts. What do we mean by the term, "a truly consecrated Christian?"

The Old Testament showed that man was weak in himself. The New Testament which tells us of the life of Jesus shows how man became strong because Jesus showed the way.

In our discussions week by week let us never forget to take unto them the One who is all wise and ever helpful. Every League devotional meeting should develop our prayer life. How else can we grow stronger year by year? Would we not be foolish to live close to a power house and not put up the wires necessary to lead some of its generated current into our houses?

One of the secrets of the marvelous achievements of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church is reliance upon prayer for strength and guidance. When our mothers are praying mothers we may surely claim God's promises for ourselves.

Will we live to see the time when "all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest?" (Verse eleven.) If some had not failed, that might be true today. God grant we do not fail Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear loving Father, As we stand in the doorway of 1927—we pledge to Thee our love. Use as Thou wilt our minds, our hearts, our hands in Thy service. May we be worthy to share in hastening the time when all shall know Thee—from the least to the greatest. We resolve to be more Christlike. Guide us and keep us strong to do Thy will.

For Jesus sake, Amen.

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January 9, 1927
SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"WHAT CONFESSION OF CHRIST INCLUDES"

Luke 12:8-9

To Leaders:—I should have at least four discussion leaders having them familiar with the four sections of Outline. Then as marked after you have presented each subject, ask them to open discussion. Additional discussion questions: 1. How could we as a League help in increasing the membership of our Church by Easter? 2. Are hypocrites an argument against the Church? 3. Do you think that people will listen willingly to personal conversations about religion?

Debate—Resolved that the Church of the first century was more loyal than the Church of the twentieth century..

TOPIC OUTLINE

Robert E. Speer says "The moment a man says his Christianity does not require him to give it to others, he hasn't any Chrisianity." The very nature of Christianity proves his contention. It is a life, and life can not exist bottled up. If you are not spreading Christianity as you go along the path of today, tomorrow and the next day, you have a right to ask yourself whether you have any Christianity that is worth while. "A real Christian wins to Christ." Does any one think this statement is too strong? Does any one care to argue with Mr. Speer? (Offer a chance for discussion.)

There are four words each beginning with an S around which the topic may be considered. They are SPEECH, SUFFERING, SERVICE and SPIRIT.

SPEECH

F. B. Meyer says that you can as soon stop the laughing of a happy child or the singing of a mountain stream as to stop the witness of a Christian. Certainly this ought to be true. Judged by this standard what would be the sentence of our League? Guilty or not guilty? In general do you think our modern Christians are much like the first Christians who went about telling people of their new found Christ? Is this a loss or a gain? (Here offer a chance for discussion.)

Some one has said that many Christians

are possessed by a dumb devil. Certainly most Christians find it easier to talk about most anything than their religion. We are so far-sighted in our faith. We will work for the salvation of India with zest and that is fine but we will not even find out whether our own neighbors are in need of Christ. Catherine Booth of the Salvation Army advised a girl who wanted to go to China to go back and win the members of her own family. This she did and three years later was sent to China where she finally gave her life for her Master. Let us SPEAK for HIM!

SUFFERING

To keep our faith in the hour when all goes wrong, this is a test of our witness. Think of the army of the martyrs, the thousands who have died rather than deny their Master. Do you think our faith can match theirs in any regard? Is our modern brand of Christianity a "fair-weather" brand? Do you think that the Christian ought to meet bereavement bravely? (Discussion.)

SERVICE

Ansgar, a ninth century missionary to the Scandinavians when asked if he could perform miracles answered, "If God would grant me power I should ask that I might exhibit the miracle of a holy life." If Christianity is worth speaking about, it should also be lived. This living witness of the Christian life is the best witness of all. It wins more to Christ than any other testimony. Its lack has also driven more away from Christ than any other one thing. A Hindu Christian said to a gathering of his fellows: "What the non-Christian world needs is not simply sermons, addresses, Bible-texts, but the presentation of a truly Christian life, the gentleness, meekness and forgiveness of Christ." (Discussion.)

SPIRIT

True witness depends on prayer. We need the Holy Spirit to help us whether we witness by Speech, Suffering or Service. We are always tempted to do just what Peter did when we are challenged as to our relationship with our Lord. God help us then! He will aid us to give a clear witness. To speak or be silent on occasion, to meet the trials of life as confident children of a loving Father, to live as near the Christ-life as human frailty will allow, the Holy Spirit will help us. David Brainard, dying at thirty-eight left this striking testimony to his brother who was to succeed him. Pointing to his hands, so eloquent in gesture as he preached Christ, "Without the Spirit of God these were stumps, not hands." Let us pray that the witness of our League may be clear. How can we make it so? (Discussion.)

January 16, 1927

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"HOW TO DEVELOP OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE"

Matthew 6:5-15

To Leaders:—Discussion questions will be found in the body of the outline. Have your discussion leaders chosen long enough ahead so they can go over the outline. Plan definitely to improve your League program by this meeting. Be ready with suggestions as to making the program effective. If possible meet with the executive Committee and go over practical suggestions for making the program effective in your League. Get their interest and backing for some definite undertakings.

Debate—Resolved, that the program of the Luther League is too ideal for 1927.

TOPIC OUTLINE

The Luther League way to a developed devotional life is Daily Bible Study, Prayer, Good Reading, Church and Sunday School Attendance, Mission Study, Giving. As Leaguers we know these signs posts along the way. BUT SIGN POSTS NEVER GOT ANYBODY ANYWHERE. We have to provide the means of transportation. Time tables do not carry us one foot on the way to the end of the line. They tell us how but WE HAVE TO DO THE TRAVELING. So our fine League program will be as useless as a guide-book to Palestine to a man asleep in an easy chair, unless we "DO" it.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Ought we to have 100 per cent of our membership daily Bible readers? How can it be done? Will we do it? (Discussion.)

PRAYER

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." Much of the most sincere prayer is not expressed, but it helps us and it helps others to pray in public. God hears all kinds of prayers, those too deep for words and those that voice the thanks and the petitions of great congregations. To pray successfully we must first find contacts with God. This is hard in public prayer for we are likely to think mainly of those who are about us. We must realize the presence of God. Our requests to God should also be daily, and definite. It helps a great deal to think over the things we want to speak about to God before we begin to pray. For beginners in public prayer it is a good plan to write out this list. In private prayer lists of individuals for whom we want specially to ask will be a great help. For our League meetings the leaders would do well to plan a prayer list for each meeting. The names of some of our missionaries should be included. (Discussion: How can we improve our prayer life?)

GOOD READING

Murder trials and the latest divorce scandal do not help develop our devotional lives. Do we read what we ought to read? How long should we spend on the newspaper?

Should we read it all? What shall we read? (Discussion: How can we succeed in having 100 per cent of our members read the 1927 Reading Course?)

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

No good Leaguer ever outgrows the Church School or dodges Church attendance. Is that a fair statement? (Discussion.)

MISSION STUDY

If we love the Master we will be ready to hear Him tell us about the world's need of Him. He speaks through Mission Study. It is our business to know the needs of the world. God does not give us this information miraculously any more than He reveals a science to those who do not seek. And missions are a most interesting study. The lives of missionaries burn with romance and gleam with heroism. (Discussion: Ought we to have a Mission Study Class? Can we? How?)

GIVING

In these days we are getting away from the absolute connection between giving and money. The Christian will give much money but that will be the least that he will give. It is LIFE SERVICE that is the gift supreme. Money is just so much of our lives expressed in coins and bills. Our talents, our friendships, our all, are His. As the youth of the Church we must learn this. Those young men like Matthew and Peter gave up their business, their whole scheme of life when Jesus came their way. To be willing to do less offers a sceptical world a chance to challenge our love. Our League must have a program of willing service. How shall we proceed to translate our Christianity into giving? (Discussion.)

January 23, 1927

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

HOW CAN WE TRAIN FOR SERVICE?

Mark 3:13-19; 2 Tim. 2

Mrs. A. J. Traver

To Leaders:—This might be made a life service meeting. Ask a *young* minister or theological student who is enthusiastic about his profession to talk to the League. Ask a *young* deaconess to tell (happily) of the joys of her service. Ask a missionary to present his life work in an attractive way.

It is understood that we are talking about Christian service. What is Christian service? How do you like the title given to those in Christian service which is given in 1 Cor. 3:9?

1. Now let us insert the word *ourselves* after *train* in the topic. Our Church is a church founded upon educational methods. Let us presuppose we have been confirmed and therefore understand what our Church stands for. Is this enough? Can every confirmed church member be an efficient labourer with God? What else is needed? Would you attend a training school for Christian workers if there were one nearby? (Note to leader—if there is such a training school in your community, ask the director to come or send some one to explain its work and urge attendance.) How about summer assemblies like those at most of our church schools? Have you attended? If not, why not? (Note to leader—ask some one to tell what their programs offer.) How is the Luther League a training school? *Is* your local League a real training school for Christian service?

Reread Mark 3:14. What requisite of training is mentioned? How can we train? Like athletes, must we deny ourselves any pleasures that would lessen our powers of resistance? Are we willing to do as much for our Master as for our school or team? Can we serve if we have not first "been with Him?"

Therefore the first step in training ourselves is to make ourselves worthy to work with Him. Let there be a process of elimination of all those things in our lives not in keeping with service for and with Him. Be willing to serve and pray for guidance.

Let us pause here to pray that Christ will show us how to serve Him. (Prayer.)

2. How can we train others for Christian service?

Remember Christian service is a relay race. When one has run his course, another must take up the message and bear it to those waiting for him. You all know the story of Jesus's answer when the angel Gabriel asked Him what plan He had for the world's salvation. "I left it in the hands of my friends." No other plan. Therefore we must as His friends relay His wonderful message to those who will take our places when we can no longer bear it ourselves.

How did Jesus prepare for his choice of those who were to carry on? Read Luke 6:13.

Here are two questions with obvious answers:

Should we pray before choosing?

Should we cease to pray after choosing?

Let us answer the question *whom* should we train by first asking *when.*

The answer of course, is—train the children. A fine argument for a Junior League. Begin to train our future leaders when they are young. "A child is your second chance." Jesus trained by example, by precept. Could the Juniors become efficient leaders by copying us?

This answers the question, "Is service only *doing?*" Living is service. Do we live so that others may safely imitate us?

Some questions for discussion:

1. Does a true Christian refuse when asked to do a Christian service?

Suppose he has no experience?

How is experience gained?

Suppose he is not capable?

How can he become capable?

2. "Our younger members will not express themselves in Luther League meetings, because Miss So-and-so always answers so promptly. How can we tell her to keep quiet and give them a chance?"

This is by no means an isolated case. Pray for tact and ask her not to respond so readily. Or ask her to conduct a question box, it being understood that opinions may come only from the floor.

3. A pastor says "There are no leaders in my church. My predecessor is to blame. I can do nothing about it?" Is he right? What will his successor say?

4. Someone has said—"The best leaders do not do anything they can get someone else to do?" What do you think about it?

Close with the consecration hymn—"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Dear Father—We thank Thee for sending Thy Son to the world and for His perfect life. As He called His disciples to Him—may we be called—to carry the message of Thy love to all mankind. And help us to realize our responsibility for training others so that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done through us and them for Jesus' sake, Amen.

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January 30, 1927

ANDHRA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE—A GILT-EDGE INVESTMENT

C. C. Diffmes
II. Cor. 9:6-8

To Leaders:—This is the Sunday set aside so that all the Luther Leaguers and Lutheran young people throughout America and throughout the world may concentrate their thought upon the problems confronting the youth of India, with particular reference to how India can be brought to a fuller knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is therefore no ordinary meeting and the leader should spend much time in thoughtful and prayerful preparation.

The youth of America in the Luther League is erecting the Administration Building, the center of college life and activity in that great Andhra Christian College. More than $21,000 of the $25,000 needed has already been enthusiastically contributed by the Leaguers, many of whom have greatly "oversubscribed" their proportionate part in this worth-while project.

It is suggested that the offering taken at this meeting be contributed toward the erection of this Administration Building and toward an "oversubscription" and that it be sent promptly to the State Treasurers for transmission during the first week of February to the National Treasurer.

Let's "oversubscribe" our $25,000 needed so that it may be possible to name a few Patrons and Patronesses from the Luther League and the young people.

After all, what is the real purpose of missionary work? Is it to spend the monies contributed by devoted Christians, in some foreign country? Is it to send some worthy young man or woman to some foreign mission field to satisfy his desire to serve Jesus Christ in another country where living conditions are not only different but difficult? Is it wasted sympathy for another people that haven't the social advantages that we may be enjoying?

Don't hastily answer these questions without proper thought. Suppose the situation were reversed and you had been born in India. What would be your reactions to the "foreign missionary," telling in as good a Telegu as he can speak after years of study, about Christianity?

It seems strange to a great many young people to learn that Christianity isn't a "western" religion, but an "eastern" religion. It was born in Palestine, in Asia. Practically all of the great religions were born in Asia, and yet to-day we must send "foreign missionaries" to the continent where Jesus Christ lived and died. Paul was the first "foreign missionary" to Europe. We are the product of "foreign missions." How would we have known about Jesus Christ unless there had been "foreign missionaries" from Asia centuries ago?

We have found after careful study of the history of our Christian religion as well as a study of other religions still living that when a religion fails to propagate itself—when it ceases to be a "foreign missionary religion"—its influence wanes, not only in "foreign missionary" lands but in the home lands. That fact may explain, too, why churches which are not "foreign missionary" churches as evidenced by their contributions and by the young men and women whom they are not sending to the field, are weak spiritually.

We have also found that a nation can be won more effectively by native Christians than by "foreign missionaries." We still need "foreign missionaries" for a few more centuries, but they must more and more give their attention (as they are doing) to the training of native leaders to carry the message of Jesus Christ to their own peoples.

That's why the building of the Andhra Christian College is a timely and gilt-edge investment for Jesus Christ. Without a trained leadership, trained in a well-equipped and standard Christian college, the evangelization of India can not be accomplished for untold centuries.

110,000 of the 600,000 Protestant Christians in the Andhra country are Lutherans. The "World Missionary Atlas," published in 1925, indicates that there are 2,000,000 Christians in India. Almost one-eighth of the Christians of India are Lutherans. If the Lutheran Church had its proportion of the thirty-seven Christian Colleges in India, it would have five. Instead we have only one junior college, at Guntur, of less than standard college grade. It will be merged with Noble College and its standard raised so that the Andhra Christian College will be an approved standard college.

The Senior Luther Leaguers are building the Administration Building, the center of college life and activity, of this great university, at a cost of $25,000. Approximately $25,000 will be contributed by the British Government as a grant-in-aid.

The Intermediate Luther Leaguers are equipping the gymnasium at a cost of $500. They lack less than $200 of reaching their objective.

The Junior Luther Leaguers have already secured more than their $500 for the building of a room for three boys. They have decided to secure $600 so that they can build a room for four boys.

Here are some real opportunities to "sow bountifully" in Christ's Name not only in the strengthening of international fellowships but in an investment that shall last for generation upon generation even if the building shall have crumbled to decay and destruction, because it is an investment in the life of India. It is such a gilt-edge investment that it will bring in dividends in lives for Him who made the first investment of life that all men may be saved. Is there a better investment than the investment of a life? Is there a better investment than the training for more effective service of a life consecrated to Jesus Christ?

Intermediate Department

Dear Intermediates:

Uncle Amos Traver, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, doesn't have anything on me when it comes to a name. It's true his name originates in the hoary past of Old Testament history; and in effect signifies "Wisdom," but I know a lot of "other" Amos'es. Now my historical name for 'twas given to me when a lad in long dresses, is "Uncle Bim." I must confess it isn't suggestive of wisdom, while on the other hand it does appear quite frequently in comic sections of our daily newspapers, but what's in a name? The purpose of this self-introduction is to syndicate my name among Intermediate Leaguers in the same way that a doctor hangs out his shingle to advertise to the world that he has all sorts of pills for all sorts of cures. So just fire your questions at "Uncle Bim" and he will answer them, or get Uncle Amos to do it.

Here goes for the first question. Why are the Intermediate Topics not written up in the language and understanding of Intermediates?

In the future all topics will be treated by your secretary. He will try to think them out with and for you. If he fails in his first attempts you know whom to blame. Tell him at once. Suggest ways to improve the topic treatments; what to include and what to exclude.

Why are not all Intermediate Leagues enrolled with the national organization?

Because some one has either slipped up on his or her job, or it is not generally known that Intermediate Leagues should register with headquarters. By sending in for a registration blank, superintendents of Intermediate Leagues will receive instructions how to enroll their Leagues.

Why have so few of the Intermediate Leagues contributed to the "gymnasium" fund of Andhra Christian College?

Surely not because of a lack of knowledge of our part in this big Luther League mission program. I am confident all our Leagues want to do their part. We lay this matter heavily upon the hearts of our leaders.

Should Intermediate Leagues take out Sustaining Memberships?

The Junior Luther Leagues have taken out 46 Sustaining Memberships, making their pastors, their superintendents or their Leagues members. Surely we ought to assist in this necessary work!

New Leagues reporting this month are:

	Members
No. 118—Zion, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.	17
No. 119—Trinity, Newark, N. J.	14
No. 120—Trinity, Hartford, Conn.	24
Andhra "Gymnasium" Subscriptions	
Previously reported	$282.03
37—St. Matthew's, York, Pa.	3.00
38—Advent, New York City, N. Y.	5.00
Total	$290.03

Respectfully,
R. J. WOLF.

THANK YOU, MISS RICE

Laura Wade Rice has been preparing the Missionary Topics for this department most satisfactorily and to her the Intermediate family extends a real "Thank you." Her work has been a great contribution to the missionary knowledge and enthusiasm of our youth. The Intermediate Secretary now takes up the task with all modesty, believing that it will be best for him to have this stint of work on his schedule and hoping against hope that the Intermediates will not suffer by the change. One temptation that comes to Secretaries is to lose contacts with the local Leagues in their work. First hand knowledge of the topics will be one real help

in holding these contacts. Send in frank reports as to the success of our topic suggestions in your meetings!

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January 2, 1927

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE THIS A BETTER YEAR?

Rom. 12:1-2; 16; 20

A new year has begun. With it are made enough resolutions to do better and be better which, if put into print, would endanger the supply of paper. If the world were as good all year as it resolves to be the day before the new year begins this would be a pretty good world.

As we Intermediates stand on the doorstep of a new year it would be safer for us to try some other method than just resolve that we are going to be better and make 1927 a better year. I would suggest that we try the way described in Heb. 10:20. I'm sure, after reading this verse, you will agree that it offers us a tried way, one that has never nor will ever fail those who follow it. It is a new, a living and a consecrated way, made possible through the flesh; which factor in our efforts to live better lives determines pretty much the progress we make. If we can just get over that barrier we have practically won the battle. Adam and Eve sinned because of a fleshly desire. Noah, after showing great faith in God before and during the flood, sinned from the same cause. But Christ, by his pure life, overcame the weakness of the flesh (Heb. 4:15) and now bids us to follow along the consecrated way. How can we do it and thus make this a Better Year?

The first verse of our lesson is our first answer. In I Cor. 3:16 we are told that our bodies are for the Lord, and the Lord for our bodies—the same as for our minds and souls. As wholly His, our body is to be yielded to the Lord as a living sacrifice. We are to become as high priests administering to our bodies; keeping them holy (set apart for God) and acceptable unto Him, which is our reasonable service. Read Heb. 9:1. Only a pure body is fitted for an acceptable gift to God. As you cannot put new wine into old bottles, so you cannot put purity into vile bodies. Our bodies must first be cleansed to contain the divine truths and earthly virtues.

The second answer is this: "Be ye transformed" by the renewing of your minds. To keep our bodies pure we must think pure thoughts. This is done however, not by listening to the filthy stories told by evil minds or by conforming to the false and wicked ways of the age in which we live (I Jno. 2:15), but by sifting our thoughts to agree with the will of God (Col. 3:10). How attractive are the flowers that grow in obscure places! Even more attractive sometimes than those that grow in beautiful surroundings. We are to be even as flowers in out-of-way places, thus helping to transform our surroundings until all about is beautiful. The story is told of a little girl in the slums of a large city who received a beautiful rose from a sweet lady. After tenderly carrying the rose through a dark and dirty hall to an equally dark and dirty apartment upstairs, she placed it in a glass of water and set the glass on the table. Everything in the room, even the child, was filthy. But after looking at the rose for some time the little tot said, "Mother, let us put the rose in a clean glass." The wish was carried out. Then the table cloth was declared too dirty. It in turn was washed and neatly ironed and put back on the table. So the process of transformation continued until all in the house, including the features and clothing of mother and child, harmonized with the rose. Thus the will of God should transform our minds and hearts.

Our third answer is found in verses 16 and 20 of our lesson. Here we are instructed how to put our clean bodies and God-renewed minds to good service. What finer way is given us to enjoy a better year than to be humble and charitable? Humility fits one for service and Christian charity is true service. Life's sweetest friendships are formed on the basis of these two virtues. Loyal friendships help much to make each day better.

DISCUSSIONS

How can we make this a better year in our homes?
In our school work?
In our League?
In our Church?

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January 9, 1927

HOW AM I RECOGNIZING GOD'S OWNERSHIP?

Rom. 14:7-8; Col. 3:17

Our text: Rom. 14:12.

Everything has its owner. What I have is mine by right of gift or purchase. The law recognizes true ownership, and assists people to retain and recover their possessions.

In like manner everybody has an owner. Children belong to their parents. Citizens belong to their country.

God recognizes such ownership. Read Mt. 22:21. In fact, God has provided many laws for the protection of life and property. Five out of the 'ten commandments' prove this. Which five are they? (Exodus 20.)

But in the last analysis whose are we? Who owns all things? For an answer read I Cor. 3:23 and Ps. 50:10. Now God owns us by right of creation, Gen. 1:27. His law of love through the shed blood of Christ seals that ownership, and Christ then becomes our guarantee of true ownership.

Our text says, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Since we belong to God we must give an account to Him only. A personal check-up will not do. Neither will a comparative check-up with others do. We cannot satisfy ourselves with God by using a man-made intelligence test. How then should we recognize God's ownership?

By admitting God's ownership of us. Read I Cor. 6:19-20. You are God's. You have been bought with a price. That price was high. It cost Christ His life. It gave you and me salvation. Admit that, young friends, and your happiness will be assured. Deny it and you lose life's sweetest and rarest comfort. You are not ashamed to be called an American, why then be ashamed to be called a Christian? Read Ps. 31:1.

2. By living as becoming to the children of God. Just as there is no room for traitors in the army of a nation, so there is no place for Pharisees in the army of the King. Either you are for Him or against Him, Mat. 12:30. Our conduct should always be His way of living, Gal. 2:20. Here Paul gives us a new formula of life. He says, "I do not do the living, but Christ liveth in me."

3. By working the works of God, John 6:28. One who lives as becoming a good citizen of his country has not done his full duty until he works for his country. A Boy Scout is taught not only to be trustworthy, etc., but also to do a good turn daily. Read Matt. 9:4. What is the meaning of the parable in Matt. 20:1-7? What kind of workman would Paul have us to be, 2 Tim. 2:15?

4. By doing all things to the glory of God. Read I Cor. 10:31. One who recognizes God's ownership will determine his actions and govern his conduct according to the plan of God. Some folks think that they can cover over their faults by doing some good things. The Bible says, "Do all things to the glory of God."

5. By prayer. Read Eph. 5:20; I Thess. 5:18 and Heb. 13:15. Prayer is needed to seek divine direction in our lives.

QUESTIONS

Is it possible to deny divine ownership?

Does such a denial change the fact of God's ownership?

What do we forfeit by denying God's ownership?

What is meant in Luke 14:33? Does it mean literal surrender of worldly goods, or one's attitude to them?

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January 16, 1927

DOES IT PAY TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Matt. 6:33: 1 Cor. 10:13

To Leaders:—For this lesson we will use the Problem Topic. Either select two members of the League to be Tom and John; or divide the group into two sides, the one the Toms and the other the Johns. Choose a leader for each side to be Tom and John. Let each state his argument, discuss back and forth the merits of each case, then ask for a decision.

ARGUMENT NO. 1

Tom argues that it doesn't pay to be a Christian. We only have what we get ourselves, and God cannot give us anything we're unable to get by our own ability, he says. To trust in God, he continues, is an admission of weakness to take care of one's self.

John argues differently and calls Tom's attention to the willingness and ability of God to give that which has not been asked, I Kings 3:13; and how He promises long life to those who walk in His ways and keep His statutes, I Kings 3:14. Such a trust in God, Tom contends, is nothing more nor less than just recognizing a superior and higher source of goodness and mercy. Ps. 34:9.

ARGUMENT NO. 2

Tom continues by contending that the Lord helps those that help themselves. A person must look out for number one. If he can make a nice rake off by cheating or misrepresentation, that's to his credit. Everybody is trying to get as much of this world's goods as possible without much regard to how they get it.

John claims that Tom is all wrong. Honesty, he says, is the best policy in our dealings with our fellows. Fair means must be used in dealing with others, and in this way God truly blesses us. We may enrich ourselves by dishonest methods, but in so doing we disobey God's command 'Thou shalt not steal;' and set up a false standard of neighborliness. Our chief ambition in life is not to gain riches, but the Kingdom of God, Matt. 6:33, John argues.

ARGUMENT NO. 3

Tom tries to show the advantages that money makes possible. Nothing is denied the man that has the money. It will buy anything his heart desires. With wealth come pleasure, recognition, travel and a life free from wants and cares.

That may be true, replies John, but riches cannot secure prosperity, James 1:11; they cannot redeem the soul, I Pt. 1:18; it is dangerous to trust in them, Luke 12:16-21; and besides riches may cause one to fall into evil ways and in the end bring about his undoing. After all is said and done, John continues, the advantages of riches are not to be compared to godliness and the love and favor of God, I Tim. 4:8 and the story of the Prodigal Son (where found?).

At this point John, tiring of Tom's worldly mindedness for continually harping on money and its advantages in considering the question "Does it Pay to Be a Christian," directed his friend's attention to the following dividends that God pays out regularly to His children.

a. Revives all things, Rom. 8:32.

b. Filled, Matt. 5:6.
c. Upholds, I Cor. 10:13; 2 Pt. 2:9.
d. Joy, Matt. 25:21.
e. A blessing to others, Lk. 10:33-35.

To Leaders—Let the matter between Tom and John rest here. But first be sure that each member of the group is satisfied that it pays to be a Christian. Continue here by asking the members to suggest other reasons why it pays to be a Christian. Then have each member give a concrete example of how it paid him or her to be a Christian.

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January 23, 1927

WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE MISSIONARIES?

Jno. 3:16; Jno. 21:15,17; Matt. 28:19-20

This topic does not infer that all Christians should or must go to foreign lands as missionaries. Nor does it mean that those of us who stay at home should or must give full time service as missionaries, Eph. 4:11. It means that we are to be missionaries at heart and through our gifts, both abroad and at home. Furthermore we are to so live in Christ-like conduct that whatever we do or whatever we say, we do all to the glory of God, and ever stand as witnesses of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. And finally if ever the call comes to serve in full time service as missionaries, it becomes our duty to serve God in this special manner.

We should be missionaries because (1) we are the product of missions, Rom. 5:8; John 3:16. That was a divine missionary project, and one that cost more than the combined sacrifice of all missionaries to foreign lands. The love motive that prompted God to give his Son in our behalf should become our motive in missionary work. A young woman applied to her church board to be sent to a foreign field. She was asked do you love the heathen? Her reply was, No. Then why do you want to carry the gospel of love to them if you yourself do not love them? She replied, "But God loves them." This woman's reason for wanting to be a missionary may have lacked the personal love (which she doubtless acquired in her work with the heathen), but what an impetus the work of missions would receive if all Christians, irrespective of personal opinions, decided to become missionaries for Christ's sake.

(2) We enjoy the fruits of salvation, so should all men everywhere. God's gift of love implies responsibility. To the apostle Peter in John 21:15, 17; the command of Jesus, after that an admission of love was forthcoming, was "Feed My Sheep." The burden of Paul's ministry was that of carrying the gospel to all men. Upon the organization of a group of believers, such as at Ephesus, his chief concern was that they at once become missionaries, Acts. 20:28. It is the command of God that we teach all nations, etc., Mt. 28:19-20.

(3) The work at home largely depends upon how well we do the work abroad. Some foolish Christians contend that what we give to the work of evangelizing the world is a distinct loss to the work at home. Experience has proved just the opposite. The more we do as a church and individual Christians for missions and for others the more we get done at home. The church that believes in missions is like a huge search light that casts its rays far into the night because it shines brightest at home.

(4) Missionaries and supporters of mission work enjoy a closer fellowship with their Master than is possible with other folks. With but one life to live we should strive to make it as happy as possible. Surely helping others is about as fine a business to get into as we will find anywhere. Fellowship with the Master and supreme happiness mark the lot of all who would be servants.

Discussion.

Does the missionary work of the church abroad do more than teach men the way of salvation?

Does it effect our country in a direct way? Our church?

Are the heathen won to Christ grateful and happy?

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January 30, 1927

MOSLEMS IN MANY LANDS

Luther Leaguers will study about the Moslems this year in their missionary periods. For the first half of the year the subject matter for study by the Intermediates will be taken from one of the 1927 Reading Course books "In Desert and Town," by M. M. Wood, price 40 cents. Each Intermediate League should have a copy as an aid in the study of these topics. Send us your order now.

The book has a unique beginning. The scene is in a French hospital. Hundreds of wounded men are carried in from the battlefields and tenderly laid on beds. One of these patients is a pure-bred African. His name is Larbi ben Ali. The English nurse in charge of the ward in which this African lies in terrible pain from the loss of his right leg up to the hip, but never uttering a sound for the sake of the other wounded men who had dropped off to sleep, approaches his bed to do what she can for him. Such courage and consideration for others as shown by Larbi ben Ali that night, and night after night, arouses in the British nurse's heart a deep love and gratitude to the people he represents: For Larbi ben Ali was only one of the many thousands of Moslem men who risked and gave their lives and limbs for our western civilization in the Great War.

The story is written by an English author, and naturally has an English coloring. This coloring is lost however after the author describes briefly how England is linked up with the Moslem countries by trade, and in the use of commodities, such as figs, eggs, oil, carpets, etc. Then he describes the location of the Moslem countries, and concludes by saying, "In these countries live the 234 million Moslems of whom Larbi ben Ali is one."

Population of Moslem Countries

Two hundred thirty-four million people to study challenges one's imagination. How many are a million? Figure this out by the number of days since our Lord was on earth. Compared with the population of the United States there are twice as many Moslems as there are Americans.

Moslem Lands

It is impossible in the space allowed us to locate and name all the lands inhabited by Moslems. If we could do this the leader would still have to use a map to point out these 'many homes' of the Moslem. So by using a map of the East the leader can point out Moslem countries from the description

given by the author of our text book. These people worship in churches called "mosques," and in each mosque the words of the Koran are recited by the imam or priest. Most mosques have a high tower and almost at the top is a narrow doorway with an open-air gallery opening on to it. The tower is called a minaret. Inside the minaret is a circular staircase, and five times a day—before sunrise, at mid-day, in the afternoon, after sunset, and at night, a Mohammedan priest climbs up those stairs, steps out through the doorway on to the gallery, and making a trumpet of his hands, calls in a loud voice:

"Come to prayer.
God is great.
I testify that there is no god but Allah.
I testify that Mohammed is the Apostle of Allah.
Come to prayer."

And Moslem men who hear and wish to pray stop their work and in five different positions recite prayers.

Let the leader point out the differences in this prayer of the Moslem compared to the prayers of the Christian.

For some time Moslem women were not permitted in a mosque, although their exclusion was contrary to the wish of Mohammed. He said, "Do not prevent your women from coming to the mosques, but their homes are better for them." As years passed on, his followers, taking the latter half of his law—"their homes are better"—ruled that women must never enter mosques. On the other hand there are now special mosques for women in Egypt and other Moslem countries.

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"

CHRISTMAS, 1926

The Junior Secretary wishes all a most Happy and Blessed Christmas Season.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MATERIAL FOR 1927

Junior Topics for the first half of the year (these will appear month by month in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW):

Jan. 2 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 9 A Trip to the Holy Land—"All Aboard" (Biblical).
" 16 The Preacher on Horseback—Muhlenberg (Church Heroes).
Jan. 23 The Little Boy Who Confided in God (Picture Lesson—Prayer—"Little Samuel").
" 30 What Is the Catechism?
Feb. 6 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 13 A Trip to the Holy Land—Nazareth and Bethlehem (Biblical).
" 20 A Friend in Need—Passavant (Church Heroes).
" 27 Great Men Who Teach Us to be Humble (Picture Lesson — Humility — "Abraham Lincoln").
Mar. 6 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 13 A Trip to the Holy Land—Jerusalem (Biblical).
" 20 How There Came to be Deaconesses—Theodore Fliedner (Church Heroes).
" 27 A Crown that Hurt (Picture Lesson—Suffering—"Ecco Homo").
Apr. 3 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 10 A Trip to the Holy Land—Around the Sea of Galilee (Biblical).
" 17 Rejoice! (Picture Lesson — Joy — "He Is Risen").
" 24 A Messenger to India—Father Heyer (Church Heroes).
May 1 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 8 A Trip to the Holy Land—Samaria (Biblical).
" 15 A Giant of the North—Gustavus Adolphus (Church Heroes).
" 22 What Would You Have Done? (Picture Lesson—Sacrifice—"Christ and the Rich Young Ruler").
" 29 Suppose *you* were Sick!
June 5 (Missionary) Two Young Arabs.
" 12 A Trip to the Holy Land—Palestine Today (Biblical).
" 19 The Father of Jewish Missions—Rev. Legum.
" 26 God's House (Picture Lesson—Church Manners—"Christ in the Temple").

Junior Packet for the first six months. This gives complete and interesting material for use with the *Topics*. It includes leaflets and other interesting material to help with the Trip to the Holy Land, the picture lessons, Bible Drills, etc. Price 40 cents. Ready January 1.

Invitations—A brand new idea for 1927

is a Packet of Invitations, one for each of the 26 meetings! With these patterns some of the older Juniors can easily cut from colored paper enough invitations to send one to each Junior for each meeting. These have been designed and prepared by Miss Esther E. Martin, who deserves our thanks for making these available. Price of the Invitation Packet (26 invitation patterns for the first six months' meetings) 40 cents.

Junior Reading Course for 1927. We are glad to announce the new Course:

Two Young Arabs—Zwemer	$ .75
Friends of Ours—Colson	.75
Pictures Every Child Should Know—Bacon	1.00
Uncle Jim's Bible Stories—James	.75
Martin of Mansfeld—Seebach	.75
Christmas Legends and Stories—Curtiss	1.50
Total	$5.50

Get the Senior League to purchase this for the Juniors. Start at once to have every Junior reading these six books.

To make a poster to advertise each one of these books, and create interest we have prepared a Packet of Cut-Outs for Reading Course Posters, an envelope containing figures ready to be pasted on cardboard. With the addition of the title printed on the card an effective Poster is ready. Price of Cut-Outs for Reading Course Posters—40 cents.

Junior Objective for 1927. Of course the Juniors will have a special work of their own again for 1927. We will announce this next month after same has been approved by the Executive Committee.

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NEWS

It looks as if the Juniors of the York District are planning another Rally. They have just ordered 500 Junior Rally Hymns!

Peace, Riverside, Reading, Pa., Junior League Number 185, reports several fine special meetings; a picnic with 75 present in August, a Birthday Party, an Anniversary Service on October 24 with a special sermon for children by the pastor and an exercise "The Church Seasons" by twelve Juniors, and a Thanksgiving Program with an exhibit of all their work. Fine! Peace, Juniors!

Michigan Synod reported a 300 per cent. increase in Junior Leagues at their convention. Wisconsin reported a 150 per cent. increase for the year. At the Pacific Northwest District convention held in Centralia, Washington, a resolution was adopted to stress Junior work. Things are moving along Junior Leagueally!

St. James, Cleveland, Ohio, reports two Juniors completing the reading Course, and several more with only one book to finish. They have sent a box of school supplies to one of our missionaries in India.

Grace Junior League, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa., has "adopted" the Junior League of Catanos, Porto Rico, and will send supplies for their work and gifts to the members. Who else will "adopt" one of our Junior Leagues in one of our mission fields or orphan homes?

The boys of the Junior League of First Church, Waterbury, Conn., assisted in the decoration of the church for the convention of the Luther League of Connecticut.

The Junior Standard is being generally used. Western District, Ohio, aims to have every Junior League a Gold Star League. Philadelphia District Junior Secretary has sent a copy to every Junior Superintendent in the District. Let's have a large number of Gold Star Junior Leagues to report at Salisbury.

The Junior Secretary has been busy with conferences and Institutes. Interesting meetings have been held in New York City, Troy, Rochester, Utica and Syracuse. A splendid meeting was held at Erie. Wilkes-Barre and Scranton were next. Reading had a Junior Rally and a Supper Conference. A meeting with the Pennsylvania Junior Committee was interesting. Junior rallies in the B. M. C. District and an Institute in the Philadelphia District have kept her busy.

Christ, Trenton Juniors, celebrated at a Birthday Party on November 6. Once a year they hold this party and celebrate all their birthdays. A supper and an hour of games and stories was much enjoyed. It happened that the Junior Secretary had a birthday, too, just two days before, and so she celebrated with them and had a good time!

Our Goals for Salisbury—200 new Junior Leagues, 50 Gold Star Junior Leagues, 200 Juniors completing the 1927 Reading Course, and 50 Junior Secretaries and Superintendents at the Salisbury convention. Help us reach these.

Plan your Christmas meeting carefully. Do something for others. Write a report—have one of the Juniors do this—and send to the office. Use "Christmas With the Juniors" and "Emblems of Christmas" for your meeting. Either can be secured at the rate of 40 cents a dozen from the office.

Does Junior work count? On October 28 the Junior Luther League of Grace, N.S., Pittsburgh, celebrated its 29th anniversary. During these 29 years weekly devotional meetings have continued uninterrupted with the exception of the summer months. From this League have gone out workers into not only other Leagues in Pittsburgh, but into other Districts and States. Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the Secretary of Labor, with five interesting Juniors of her own, was a charter member of this League. Mrs. James Ullrich, of Cleveland, Ohio, superintendent

of St. James Junior League (a League of 100 in a mission congregation of 90 communicants, with Intermediate and Senior Leagues as well) and who is doing good missionary work in Cleveland and by interesting other congregations, was once a Junior in Grace, Pittsburgh. Miss Margaret Niklaus, once a Junior and now an assistant of Grace League, is secretary of Branch Number Five, Pittsburgh District. Miss Anna Geib, one of Grace Juniors, is President of Junior Branch Number Five. Mr. Wm. Eichenberg, once a Junior of Grace, is now at Wittenberg College, preparing for the ministry. Three of the Juniors of this League are now in the Junior Training Class of the Pittsburgh District, preparing to become efficient Junior League superintendents. An exclusive neighborhood with exceptional children, you say? No, not at all. Rather the reverse, a working section shut in between hills, with little opportunities for advancement. Over 1,500 children have passed through this Junior League during this time, and the principles learned there have been the guiding star to lead them on and raise the whole community to bigger, better things. We are reminded of just two Bible phrases—"the leaven that leaveneth the whole lump," and "unto Jerusalem and Samaria—and the uttermost parts of the earth."

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THE JUNIOR'S OWN CORNER

DEAR JUNIORS:—

Merry Christmas to you all!

Even if you are busy during December, do not forget to make a Christmas poster and send it to me before December 30. You can use pictures cut from magazines, or crepe paper, or any of the fine Christmas things you can find in the stores at this time. Select what you think is best. But the poster must tell something about the Christmas story. It may announce your meeting, or tell something you learned at the meeting. A fine missionary book will be sent to the Junior sending the best before December 30.

The best Luther Poster received was made by the JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, Philadelphia, Pa. They have been sent a copy to "Martin of Mansfeld."

This poster was fine! It was a large red card, with the Luther League colors across each corner, the title "Martin Luther—His Life and Time" at the top, and 18 pictures of Martin Luther, showing scenes in his life on the card.

The following Juniors of Advent, New York City, completed the 1926 Junior Reading Course, and were awarded Certificates: Ruth Smith, Harriet Fennikeh, Mamie Blumquist, Miriam Mattson, Ethel Kaeufer.

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January 2, 1927

TWO YOUNG ARABS IN ARABIA

Mrs. E. C. Cronk

The missionary lessons for the first six months of 1926 are in the form of a trip through Moslem Lands. By request of the Luther League, helps here given are prepared by the Women's Missionary Society. We have never had a more fascinating course outlined.

First of all there is the book which every leader should have, "TWO YOUNG ARABS," by Amy E. Zwemer. Price, 50 cents paper; 75 cents, cloth.

Every leader should have also the booklet "How to Use Two Young Arabs," price, 15 cents. A copy of this booklet together with other leaflets of Bible lessons and stories is contained in the Light Brigade program packet. Price, 30 cents.

TICKETS. Tickets for the journey are printed on strips resembling regular tourists' tickets for India, Persia, Africa, Egypt and Jerusalem. These tickets to be punched by a conductor, add greatly to the thrilling interest of the trip. Every member should have a ticket. Price, 10 cents per dozen.

Then there are the PATTERN SHEETS for MODES OF TRAVEL CUTOUTS. There is a camel for the trip through Arabia, an elephant for India, a prancing charger for the journey through Persia, a Nile boat for Africa, a kneeling camel for the journey through Egypt and a donkey for the entrance into Jerusalem. A complete set of patterns is on every sheet. Order as many sheets as you have members. Price, 10 cents per dozen sheets. Other valuable helps are suggested in the booklet "How to Use Two Young Arabs."

POSTER PATTERNS ON MOSLEM LANDS are furnished in an envelope containing several full-sized patterns for posters in the popular cut paper work with full instructions and a colored reproduction of the posters in miniature as a guide. Price, 50 cents a set.

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THE JOURNEY THROUGH ARABIA

Handwork and Discussion—Early comers may be given handwork to do in making cutouts and posters, or in reading papers, books and magazines.

Worship Period—This period may be introduced by displaying pictures of God's children from various lands and singing a hymn of God's love. The Bible lesson may be the story of the lad to whom the Angel of the Lord ministered in the Arabian desert. Gen. 21:14-20, followed by prayer for all of God's children in many lands.

True and False Tests—See page 10, "How to Use," for suggestions.

The Journey—An outline for the telling of the story of chapter one is given on page 10, "How to Use Two Young Arabs." If pictures are available of any of the places or objects described, they should be shown as the story progresses. A few churches have stereopticons with daylight screens and can show slides or postcards which will make the trip very real. The large majority of leaders who do not have the advantage of such equipment may mount pictures on cardboard and pass them around. The leader may tell the entire story of the chapter herself or she may ask someone to take the part suggested for a woman in Arabian costume on page 10, and some one else to tell the story of Mohammed.

Prayer of thanksgiving to God for His

love, and of intercession for all the boys and girls of Moslem lands.

Handwork—The boys and girls of various ages are interested in modeling in plastoline or moldilith the various objects mentioned or suggested in the chapter. See pages 7-10, "How to Use."

If additional story material is needed, use the leaflet "Maniykam's Bible" found in the Light Brigade program packet.

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January 9, 1927

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND—"ALL ABOARD!"

(Bible Topic)

(*Miss Laura Wade Rice*)

(This is the first of the "Trip to the Holy Land" topics. The plan is to visit the different points in Palestine, learn what happened there, have the Bible stories told and sing appropriate hymns. Announce the Trip with posters, and follow the suggestions for map-study, note-books, and all other plans given in the Program Packet. Your Juniors are sure to have an interesting and profitable time.)

Scripture—Psalm 95.

Hymn.

Leader—"Long Distance? Please give me all the Junior Luther Leagues in the United Lutheran Church. Thank you!" "Have you Juniors ever been on an Arm-Chair Journey? It costs nothing, you get no bad food or uncomfortable beds—the weather doesn't count! Only two things are necessary—to decide where to go and to get a leader. Then lean back and listen or read as you are told. The Junior Committee asked the writer to be the leader and decided that we should take a Trip to the Holy Land. So all we have to do is go. Wait—how shall we travel?"

Junior—"Let's take an airoplane—it's the newest way and we can see more!"

Leader—"All right! We don't need to learn routes on this trip—just start and go. Everybody from all over the Church join me at Charleston, South Carolina. The Leaguers there will meet all trains."

Junior—"Why must we all go there?"

Leader—"Because the shortest way to the Holy Land is to fly directly east of that city. On a trip of this kind the leader always gives talks in the cabin about the places to be seen. Everybody here? All aboard! No crowding, no tickets to see to. Let us go to the cabin at once. We are off! Now, why do we want to go to this land?"

Junior—"It is the most important land on earth. From it came the Bible, which has done more to uplift and civilize the world than any other one thing!"

Junior—"From it has spread, like a great light, the knowledge of the one true God, which is casting out idolatry, superstition, ignorance and sin."

Junior—"The whole world knows more about it than about any other land, about its events and heroes."

Leader—"Tell the names of some of its heroes." (All reply.)

Junior—"In it was born the Greatest Person the world has ever known. Our Lord Jesus Christ lived His earthly life in that land."

Leader—"Is it a large land?"

Junior—"No, it is small, smaller than the State of New Jersey. From Dan on the north to Beersheba on the south it is only 150 miles. Forty to sixty miles is its width. But it has all climates, from that of snow-capped Lebanon on the north to the heat of Jericho in the Jordan Valley, 135 degrees."

Leader—"Is it a land of great cities, of conquest, of trade?"

Junior—"No, the white-walled city of Jerusalem is exactly one quarter as big as Central Park, New York. Its kings were never great conquerors, it had no manufactures and little trade."

Leader—"This land has been known by several names. Give them."

Junior—"The earliest we know is *Canaan.* The family of Canaan, great grandson of Noah, settled there and became small nations."

Junior—"Its next name is *The Promised Land,* because God promised it to Abraham and his family forever. They lost it many times, but God never breaks His Word. They are now returning to it again."

Junior—"In early days the nations of the Philistines conquered much of its territory, and so it came to be called *Palestine,* from their name. You remember the giant David slew was a Philistine."

Junior—"Its dearest name is *The Holy Land.* The holiest life ever lived on earth was lived there. The feet of the Son of God walked its roads and climbed its mountains. To the Jew it is holy because it is the land of his fathers. To the Mohammedans, who are of the family of Ismael, son of Abraham, it is holy because Abraham is buried there."

Junior—"Today it has an old name reborn, *'Eretz—Israel'* (Hebrew) the land of Israel. That is what the Jews are calling it now, as thousands of them go to the land of their fathers to live and to upbuild it again."

Leader—"If you ask me—'where is this Land?', I will tell you—it is in the centre of all other lands. Look at the map of the world! (It would be fine to have one Junior prepare a large outline map of the world beforehand, and have the Holy Land outlined upon it in red.) The Bible says 'When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the Children of Israel.' What does Moses say of this land?"

Junior—(Reads Deuteronomy 8:7-10.)
Junior—(Reads Deuteronomy 11:10-11.)
Work Period—Begin to make a large outline map of the Holy Land. During this Trip to the Holy Land the places mentioned may all be marked with red stars, the rivers may be traced in with green crayon, the mountains marked in brown, and the other towns and cities which the Juniors know may be marked with black stars. The products of the Holy Land may be illustrated by small pictures cut from magazines and pasted on the map (dates, figs, olives, etc.). A Project Map of this sort can easily be worked out by the Juniors—for they are learning to do this in public schools. Also teach the words of the Palestine Song—found in the packet.

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January 16, 1927

THE PREACHER ON HORSEBACK—MUHLENBERG
(Church Heroes)

(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

(This is the first of a series of stories on Church Heroes. Give the boys charge of these meetings. For this meeting a large picture of Muhlenberg, suitable for framing, can be secured from the Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., for 50 cents. Get this and have an unveiling exercise, covering the picture with American and Christian flags, having one of the Junior boys say a few words about Muhlenberg, and then drawing aside the flags.)

Poster to announce the meeting. Use the cover from *The Lutheran* of July 1, 1926. Paste this on cardboard. Print the topic and the time of meeting.

Suggestion—Previous to the meeting have the Juniors make a poster or scrapbook entitled "Our First Lutheran Church in America." Pictures of these churches may be found in the July 1, 1926, *Lutheran*. Muhlenberg's picture is also in this number.

PROGRAM

Hymn 181—(first and fifth verses)—"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide." (Sunday School book.)

Scripture—Exodus 3:9-10, read by a Junior. Review briefly the characteristics of Moses. He was a guide, leader, lawgiver, preacher, peacemaker and organizer. God prepared him for his great work as leader of the Children of Israel.

Leader—"Do you think God prepares men today to carry on His work? Will someone tell us the name of a man whom God prepared to help Him here in America."

Junior (showing picture of Muhlenberg)—"This is Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, one of our Lutheran heroes whom God sent to America to help the Lutherans when they were in great need."

Leader—"What was this great need of the Lutherans?"

Junior—"At that time, over two hundred years ago, Lutherans from Holland, Germany and Sweden had come to live in America. They were scattered about, some living in New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, others in the South. There were no roads such as we have today. It took many days to travel a short distance. The travelers were in constant danger of wild animals or tribes of Indians. There were few ministers. Sometimes the Lutherans were two or three years without a pastor. These Lutherans were like the Children of Israel, scattered about without a leader. Their great need was a shepherd, someone to bring them together, to help and encourage them.

Leader—"Tell us of a leader God was preparing for these Lutherans."

Junior—"Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was born in the town of Eimbeck, Germany, over two hundred years ago. His parents were of noble birth, but due to many wars had become very poor. When Henry was still very young his father died, and he had to leave school to help earn money to buy food and clothes for his mother and the little brothers and sisters. He spent every spare moment studying. In this way he kept up with his classes and was able to enter the academy almost as soon as his friends who had gone to school. He paid part of his way by singing in the streets, as did Martin Luther. After finishing at the academy, he spent two years at one of the fine universities in Germany. Here he decided to become a preacher. For two years he preached in Germany, and then the call came from America, 'Will someone come to help us?'"

Leader—"Tell us of Muhlenberg's journey to America."

Junior—"Doctor Muhlenberg set out from Germany in 1742. There were no ocean steamers such as we have today. The journey took fourteen weeks and three days. These were weeks of trials and dangers. One of the greatest trials was the lack of drinking water. Muhlenberg was a great comfort to those on board. He preached to them, prayed for them, and helped in every way to make their journey easier."

Leader—"Where did Muhlenberg land?"

Junior—"At Charleston, South Carolina. From there he journeyed to Pennsylvania. At that time there were but three Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania. One was held in a carpenter's shop in Philadelphia, one in a barn at Providence (Trappe) and the third was in a half finished church at New Hanover. These churches were many miles apart and the roads were very poor. It was Muhlenberg's duty to care for these three congregations."

Leader—"Was Muhlenberg discouraged when he saw the work that was to be done?"

Junior—"No, he was always brave and cheerful. Mounted on a horse, given to him

by the congregation at New Hanover, he traveled from one group of Lutherans to another. Ofter he had to ride all night, through the rain or snow, and many times his life was in danger. To each group he brought words of cheer and encouragement. He baptized their children, prayed for them and helped to settle many of their disputes and quarrels. In each of his congregations he opened a school, for he found that even some of the grown men could not read. While he preached in one church, he chose men to read his sermons in the other two churches. The people soon grew to love him and came many miles to hear him preach. One day in January when he preached at Trappe, there were so many people that he had to stand in the open air all during the service and it was so cold that he was almost frozen."

Leader—"Did Muhlenberg work only in Pennsylvania?"

Junior—"No, there were Lutherans scattered in New York, Delaware, Maryland and as far south as Carolina. Muhlenberg sought these out and helped them to build churches and get pastors. He used as his motto, 'the church must be planted.' Some of these churches started by Muhlenberg are still standing today."

Leader—"Do we have any ministers like Muhlenberg in America today?"

Junior—"Yes, there are many. We call them home-missionary pastors. They work to gather together the scattered Lutherans who have no church. They are brave men also and are following Muhlenberg's motto, 'the Church must be planted.'"

Prayer.

Closing Hymn—"My Church, My Church." Sunday School Book 186.

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January 23, 1927

THE LITTLE BOY WHO CONFIDED IN GOD

(Picture Lesson—Prayer—"Little Samuel")

(Ruth Arnold Nickel)

(This is the first of the Picture Meetings. These have been popular with the Juniors. There are six this year, and each is designed to teach the Junior a good trait. The first one teaches Prayer. A copy of the six pictures is given in the Packet. Use these in teaching the lesson story. Perhaps your Senior League or some one interested in the work of the children will get these pictures in the ten cent size for the walls of your room, and enough of the tiny note-book size (two for one cent) to give each Junior. Order these from the Brown Picture Company, Beverly, Mass. Have the Juniors make note-books with these pictures, pasting in one each picture lesson, and writing on the other page some facts learned about the picture and the lesson it teaches. Plan these practical lessons well. You are sowing the seed for Christian character.)

THE STORY

(Have one Junior hold the Picture, while ten Juniors in turn come forward and in turn give the story.)

1. On Sundays Church bells ring all over the world, to call people together to pray and worship God, and every night in millions of homes children, and grown people too, pray to God before they turn their lights out and go to sleep. Sometimes they just think over the things they have done during the day and ask God to help them to do better next day. Sometimes they ask for very special blessings. And God, who is so close to us and loves us all, hears our prayers. Sometimes we ask for things which we think we want, but which might be harmful to us if we received them. We cannot see into the future, but God can, and sometimes He answers our prayers in a way which will be better than the way for which we had asked. Sometimes God speaks to us in that still small voice within us that tells us when we do wrong.

2. The Bible fills us full of stories about prayers that were answered and one of the most beautiful of them all is the story of a woman whose prayer God answered, and a child with whom God spoke.

3. In the holy city of Shiloh, there was a great shining building. It was built for a king, but it was not a palace. It was even more wonderful than that—for it was the Temple where the great King of Kings was worshipped.

4. To the Temple came the people of Shiloh and of all the other cities, to praise God and to pray to Him. They knew that they could pray to Him in their homes or wherever they were, just as we can today, but they wanted to have a very special place of worship to which they could go on certain days, just as we go to Church on Sundays and holidays.

5. In the Temple there was a priest, an old man, who was very wise and very kind. His name was Eli. He did the same work which the pastors of our churches do today. He taught the people about God, he prayed with them, and when they all came together to worship, he led the services. He was so good that the people thought God must love him very much—but God loves all of His people. He listens to their prayers, whether they are priests, or men and women, or little children.

6. One day there came to the Temple a woman who wanted to pray to God for a very special blessing. The woman's name was Hannah, and she had many things to make her happy, but there were times when she looked longingly at the other women around her, for they had children and she had none. So Hannah prayed to God in the Temple and asked for a son. She prayed so earnestly that the tears rolled down her cheeks, but she did not pray out loud, for she knew that God could hear the words if she only thought them in her heart. As she prayed she made a promise. She said that if God would give her a son, she would

give him back to God. He would serve all his life, just as Eli did.

7. God heard Hannah's prayer and answered it, and before another year had passed she too had a son. Hannah loved him very much, but she remembered her promise, and when her little Samuel was old enough, she brought him to Eli to learn to become a priest of God.

8. Samuel was very little, but he was not too little to do his work well, and no one is ever too little to please God if he really tries.

9. One night something very wonderful happened, for in the silence of the Temple God called to Samuel. When Samuel knew that it was God who spoke, he said, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." As God had spoken to His wise old priest, who had served Him for many long years, so now He spoke to Samuel, who was only a child, and told him of the things which were to happen in the future.

10. This was years before Jesus lived on earth, but when He came, He taught us many beautiful things about prayer. He told us that God is our Father, and we can talk to Him just as we talk to our earthly fathers. Best of all He taught us a prayer which Christians pray all over the world. Wherever there are Christian Churches there are French children saying "Notre Pere," and German children saying "Unser Vater," and Italian children praying "Pater Noster," and other children praying it in their own language. Isn't it nice to think that we can all say the same words that were said by Jesus Himself?

Note to superintendent: close the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, reminding the children that it is the prayer which Jesus Himself taught us.

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January 30, 1927

WHAT IS THE CATECHISM?

(Sister Alma Boarts)

(This Topic is one of great importance. It stresses the catechetical class. From the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa., can be secured copies of Luther's Small Catechism, in good sized print, for five cents each, or $2.50 per hundred. Get sufficient for each member of the Junior League, and starting with this meeting, spend some time in a Memory Work Period, teaching the Explanation of the parts of the Catechism.)

Hymn—"Beautiful Saviour."

Junior—Reads Psalm 119:11.

Memory Verse—"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

Junior—Reads 2 Timothy 3:15, 16. Superintendent gives short explanation of same.

Leader—"When Jesus was here upon earth He taught the people many things. Many people worshipped God before Jesus came, but after He was here among people, they understood God much better than before, because He was always going about teaching.

We learn of God as our Heavenly Father, Jesus as our Saviour, and of the Holy Spirit, who guides us, in the greatest of all books—the Bible. Of course, we as boys and girls want to learn all we can about what the Bible teaches us of God.

Martin Luther, who was a great friend of boys and girls, thought he could help boys and girls get a better understanding of the teachings of the Bible by writing a little book called the Catechism (leader holds up a Catechism). This little book is made up of questions and answers on the greatest teachings of the Bible, and is a great help to boys and girls. Let us see what these questions and answers are. They are divided into five parts, and we will ask some one who has studied the Catechism to name them."

(Invite some from the Intermediate Luther League to be present and give parts. Some of the older boys and girls of the Sunday School may be used if you have no Intermediate League—and at the close of the meeting perhaps an Intermediate League can be formed!)

Junior—"Many years ago God gave through Moses the Ten Commandments. The Catechism explains what each one means."

(Intermediate Leaguers recite them.)

Junior—"Next we have questions and answers on the Apostles Creed. A creed is what one believes. So the Creed is explained, just what the Bible teaches us of God as our Father, Jesus as our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost who guides us."

(Intermediate Luther Leaguer recites the Apostles Creed.)

Junior—"Next, we learn the meaning of all parts of the prayer which Jesus taught His disciples. Each part of our Lord's Prayer has a special meaning, which we learn when we study the Catechism."

(All repeat the Lord's Prayer in concert.)

Junior—"In the fourth part of the Catechism we learn of Baptism. Most of our Junior Luther League members were baptised when they were little children. Our fathers and mothers had us baptised before we were old enough to remember about it. Have you ever wondered just what it meant when you saw a child baptised? The Catechism tells us just why all persons should be baptized."

Junior—"In the fifth part of this little book, we learn about the Lord's Supper. Most of you have seen your older brothers and sisters, or father and mother, take Communion, or come to the Lord's Supper. When you are a little older each boy and girl of the Junior League will want to take it, too."

Leader—"Now, when do we study this great little book that teaches us about all these things? We remember the story of the boy Jesus going up to the Temple when He was twelve years old. He was there asking and answering questions.

"The pastor usually has a class for boys and girls in which they study the Catechism, and it would be well if every boy and girl when they are about twelve years old would join this class.

"Sometimes children a little younger than twelve are in a Junior Class. If a boy or girl has been baptised they are baptised members of the Church. After they study the Catechism, the pastor if they so desire will confirm them.

The boys and girls then take upon themselves the promise that their parents made for them at the time they were baptized, and they confess themselves the teachings of the Apostles Creed. This is usually done on Palm Sunday or on Whitsunday. All Junior Leaguers should wish to grow in knowledge of God and some time be in a class to study the Catechism."

Conventions

COLUMBIA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

Esther Hermans

The twenty-sixth convention of the Columbia District Luther League was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Rev. L. B. Deck, pastor.

The opening Vesper Service was read by Rev. L. B. Deck, local pastor, followed by address by Mr. Ralph Luedtke, local president, "We're glad You're Here," to which Miss Olive Abrahamson, Corresponding Secretary of Columbia District, responded with an address, "We're Glad We're Here." St. Paul's choir then rendered an anthem, "Lo, It Is I," which was followed by the convention hymn, "Faithful and Loyal," written by Mr. W. E. Salzman, past President of the C. D. L. L. The address of the evening was given by Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the Luther League of America, and Rev. R. H. Trojan of Astoria, Oregon, sang the offertory solo. Miss Hilda Schassen, President of the District, then gave her address, after which she appointed the nominating, auditing and resolutions committees, and the service closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn.

Saturday, August 21st, at 9 o'clock, Rev. L. B. Deck opened the business session with a short song service, Rev. H. I. Kohler of Longview, the convention chaplain, reading from the 17th chapter of John with comments on same by Martin Luther, followed by sentence prayers.

The President then gave her report. Among the recommendations the following are of general interest. That we choose as our motto for this year the convention motto: "Each one with a task, each task being done." That each league hold a special service on Reformation Sunday, and that the collection help defray the expense of the Budget Drive or any use the local league sees fit to use it.

That we plan to send a delegate to the National convention in Salisbury, South Carolina, in July 1927, and that we let the Finance Committee suggest way to raise money to help defray the expense.

That we pay special attention to goal Number 9 which calls for organizing or assisting in organizing a new League.

The treasurer's report showed balance of $71.73 on hand in the general fund, and that the $150 received on A. C. C. A. B. fund had been disbursed to that cause.

Educational Committee made report that letters had been sent out immediately after the 1925 convention and that but three leagues had responded, which showed that their devotional's during the year had been successful, and that in two leagues about 20 subscriptions to the L. L. REVIEW had been obtained. As to the reading course, nothing had been done due to lack of the required material; and no favorable reports had been received as to music, decorations and quiet hour enlistment, although as to the latter, a little work had been done.

Missionary committee reported good results from all the leagues on the A. C. C. A. B. with the exception of two or three, and also fine cooperation on the part of the different missionary chairmen and expressed thanks to all for their part in the Missionary program.

Life Service Committee reported some activity in the different leagues, but that the subject of life service in our district has been treated only in a general way, no particular effort having been exercised in directing the work along any specific line, but that as the plans of the general life service department are becoming more definite, this will in time be a great field.

Junior committee reported having sent questionnaires to each of the leagues in the district, four of which replied, but none had junior organizations.

Report of Press Committee showed active and continuous work during the year and that the total cost of issuing the bulletin was $14.74.

Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of Luther League of America, then gave greetings from the L. L. A., which he followed with his conference, "True to Duty in Larger League Work." Then followed the conference, "True to Duty in District Work," by Mr. Salzman, after which he made the report that to the league which meets its 1926 due, 1926 budget quota and its 1927 budget quota by November 15th, a beautiful framed Luther League Emblem, which was on display, will be presented.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Dittmer as an expression of high appreciation for his valued services in visiting the C. D. L. L., and expression of appreciation to the General League for sending Mr. Dittmer to the Coast. To this vote of thanks, Mr. Dittmer responded.

At the speakers' contest for leaguers under 18 years of age, Miss Gladys Adling won the prize of a gold Luther League pin for the best two minute talk on "What the League has Meant to Me." Miss Adling is a member of St. Paul's Luther League of Vancouver.

The afternoon session opened with a song service led by Rev. Mr. Deck at 2 o'clock, followed by reading from the 17th chapter of John with Martin Luther' comments on same and prayer by the Chaplain.

The following officers were elected:

President—Hilda Schassen; Vice-President—Ralph Luedtke; Recording Secretary—Esther Hermans; Corresponding Secretary — Olive Abrahamson; Treasurer—William E. Salzman.

Among the resolutions adopted were these:

We rejoice in the fact that our district has completed its quota to the A. C. C. A. B. fund and obtained seventh place on the honor roll. This position was made possible through the efforts of our district Missionary Chairman, Miss Gosch, who has given generously of her time and money as the Treasurer's report shows. We recommend, therefore, that a sufficient sum of money be taken from the General Treasury and added to the offering of last night, and that a $15 Sustaining Membership be

taken by this district for 1926 and 1927 in her name and her honor.

That the Secretary send a note of appreciation to Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the L. L. of A. for the honor of his visit to our district and also for the part he has taken on our program.

NEBRASKA CONVENTION

Herbert Fischer

The best convention ever held by the Luther League of Nebraska opened at North Platte on Saturday evening, August 28, with a lively reception. The convention theme was "The Challenge to Our Youth."

Sunday morning, our state president, Herbert

The Omaha Milk Babies

Fischer, conducted the Convention Sunday School Class, and the Rev. George Dorn, associate pastor of Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha, spoke on the subject: "The Challenge to Our Youth in Its Obedience to Tithing."

Sunday afternoon, Clarence Dittmer's beaming and enthusiastic face was before us. He gave his address "Just Beyond the Horizon." The Nebraska bunch was treated to some real New Yawk lingo, with Clarence's "erl-burning engines," his "ideers," his "rubbitch." Although some had some difficulty in comprehending these words, his address was thoroughly enjoyed.

The local League, under the direction of its president, Miss Iva Hinman, conducted a model Luther League, at seven o'clock. Rev. Robert Wolf, Intermediate Secretary of the L. L. A., gave the evening address.

Monday morning the delegates and visitors got up before breakfast and in cars traveled to the so-called canyons, really sand-hills, south of town for a sunrise service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wolf. Following the service the local League treated all to a wonderful breakfast of steak, fried potatoes, buns, and coffee, served among the cactus. Omaha's milk-babies with their little bibs and hats broke their diet and ate as much steak as the rest of them. Everynobody cared. Officers' reports, and reports of the body was late to the opening business session but doings of the local Leagues filled the morning session. Rev. Mr. Wolf was called upon to bring greetings from the Luther League of America. The afternoon session was taken up with the report of the Board of Directors of the Luther League Hospice operated by the Luther League of Nebraska in Omaha. The report showed that in nine months the hospice has become self-supporting, with a cash balance of $421.72, and furniture to the value of $1456.64, with all bills paid. During the nine months $5,383.34 has been received and paid out. The Hospice now has sixteen residents. The Sunday nearest Reformation Day has been set aside for a special offering in all our Leagues for the Hospice. This money is for additional equipment. Following the short recess we listened to a pipe organ solo by Lydia Yost, a student of music at the University of Nebraska. Mr. F. E. Wood of the local church read a very interesting paper on "The Challenge of the Local Church." A lively discussion followed.

Monday evening was the banquet. What a banquet it was! The room was decorated with cactus and goldenrod, Nebraska state flower. All the programs had a handpainted prairie scene on the covers. Omaha's saxaphone band opened the celebration with a number or two and then the argument began with yells and songs. It was the Omaha Band against the North Platte Cowboys with Hastings chiming in every now and then. One thing about Nebraska's banquets that make them unique is the lack of speeches. We don't even have a toastmaster. The local League presented a playlet "Forty Miles an Hour" after the banquet. It was too early to go to bed so most of the delegates that weren't otherwise engaged repaired to the airmail field to watch the airmail come in.

Tuesday morning everybody was late again. Too much airmail for early rising. Even Rev. Mr. Anspach, the pastor loci, overslept. The church-bell soon woke them up though. Fred Wiegman, student supply at Oshkosh, and senior in the Western Theological Seminary, read an exceptional paper on "The Challenge of the Church at Large," in which he stressed the importance of the Andhra Christian College Fund as a real challenge.

The delegates were asked to pledge their Leagues' share of the $600 quota for Nebraska. Seven Hundred and fifty dollars was pledged by fifteen Leagues on the floor of the convention, $150 over our quota. Nebraska also oversubscribed. We have half of our Leagues to hear from as yet so our total fund will probably be near the thousand dollar mark. Nebraska may be slow in getting started but when we do—watch out!

The rest of the convention was devoted to business. A very lively discussion on League problems was had on the questions in the question box.

Plans were made for an auto caravan to Salisbury bringing along the saxaphone band for the purpose of bringing the 1929 convention to Omaha. The

Here is the Nebraska gang. One and all are real workers. We are proud of them!

resolution that "Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa constitute one region of the Luther League of America, and that when ever a regional secretary is appointed, we will stand our proportionate share of his support," was passed. The League received three invitations for the next convention—Kountze Memorial at Omaha, Fremont, and Ponca. By vote of the delegates the convention will be held the last week of August, 1927, at Ponca.

The convention closed with the installation of the officers, elected, namely: Herbert W. Fischer, Oma-

LEADERSHIP COUNTS!
Here Are Nebraska Officers

ha, president; Carl Taedter, Hastings, 1st vice-president; Lawrence Niebaum, Fontenelle, 2nd vice-president; Iva Hinman, North Platte, 3rd vice-president; Marie Helzer, Lincoln, recording secretary; Helen Puls, Omaha, corresponding secretary; Fred Walter, Creston, treasurer; Rev. M. J. Harder, Benedict Luther League representative to the Board of Directors of Midland Assembly, and Albert Hedelund, Omaha, and Lawrence Niebaum, Fontenelle, Board of Directors of the Hospice.

THE CONN. STATE LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

Oct. 28, 1926

Greetings of our new President.

I am sure all of us will agree that our last Connecticut State Luther League Convention was a tremendous success, not only from the standpoint that we are making progress, but also in the proof of the high enthusiasm, spirit and unity shown existing in the individual Leagues.

Speaking of enthusiasm reminds me of the riddle, "Why is enthusiasm like laughter?" the answer to which is, "They are both contagious." These two make a wonderful combination for anyone to possess.

Haven't you read biographies of successful men and haven't you been so inspired that you felt like hustling down to your job the next morning a half hour earlier and with ten times the usual "pep" and with the determination to do something extra worth while that day? Reading through these biographies you found something which was common to the lives of great men—the ability to work hard. And what was in back of this sustained hard work that paved the way for future successes was nothing more than *enthusiasm*, coupled with an aim, a purpose, a goal, something big to be accomplished.

So keep alive that enthusiasm manifested at the convention, couple with it the purpose and goal of the Conn. State Luther League, and this with the convention theme—"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." For it's that feeling of enthusiasm—that enthusiastic, optimistic, never-say-die spirit that carries one along, through dull, gloomy days and times of misfortune, through trials and sorrows back into the sunshine and brightness that always come some day.

ADOLPH H. PASS.

The 21st anniversary convention of the Conn. State Luther League was held in the Church and newly erected Parish House of the First Lutheran Church of Waterbury, Conn., on Oct. 9-10, 1926.

After the registration of delegates the session opened at 3:15 P.M. with the Luther League Rally Hymn. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. W. Early of Hartford, St. Paul's, followed by Scripture Reading, which contained the convention theme "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

The Rev. Mr. Meyer, of Waterbury, expressed a most cordial welcome in the form "We're glad you're here," and extended his greetings of the First Lutheran Church, and also from the Mayor of Waterbury. Response was given by Emil A. Schuelke, president. "We're glad we're here," after which the sports chairman explained the sports program. Meeting then adjourned to Hamilton Park.

Even though the weather was cold an unusually large crowd witnessed the events. Waterbury led with 32 points, New Haven as a close second, and Hartford, St. Paul's, took third place.

The second session opened with a banquet served in the Parish House, showing 123 present. Cheers were given by each League. There were also selections by the orchestra and Waterbury quartet.

The Rev. R. J. Wolf, Intermediate Secretary, delivered his address, "Youth's Opportunities," stressing three important facts (1) To be dreamers if we really want to amount to something; (2) to capitalize our character in the service of God; (3) to be heroic, going out and doing the impossible.

The Rev. J. Bauchmann, of Rockville, gave an interesting address showing that (1) we must grasp opportunities like Queen Esther, who saved her people, and be the Light in the Church; (2) to have more queens and kings of her type in the Church today; (3) to be heirs and fellow heirs with Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Weng then presented the cup to the Waterbury League. Individual prizes donated by the local League were awarded.

The Sunday morning session opened at 10:30 A.M. in the Church, with administration of the "Lord's Supper" after the service. The Rev. Mr. Weng gave the keynote sermon, using the theme "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." He pointed out (1) that religious education is a benefit, although we cannot do all of the work in the Church, we can at least do our share; (2) missions, stressing that a good example has been set in the Andhra project; (3) Life Service, the giving of men and women, in which he stated that the League is thankful to have had some in their midst, also that although we cannot all become shining lights, as being the steeple in the church, we can be a cornerstone, which is a very essential part of the building. He pleaded that we rededicate and consecrate ourselves.

After dinner a group picture was taken in front of the Parish House.

The business session opened with Hymn and Prayers. The minutes of the last convention were read and accepted, followed by roll call of delegates.

New Haven, Trinity, and Seymour, Emmanuel Leagues, were officially received into the State organization.

On account of such a good spirit prevailing at this time, a collection for the Sustaining Membership Fund, was taken to be added to the morning's collection, showing a total of $64.95, $60.00 to be given towards the fund and the balance to be added to the Andhra Christian College Fund.

Reports of committees were accepted as follows: Executive, Junior, Intermediate, Credential, Extension, Twenty-Point Program and Missionary.

The following officers were then elected:

President—Adolph Pass, New Haven, Conn.
Vice-President—Emil A. Schuelke, Meriden, Conn.
Recording Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Stelzner, Norwich. Conn.
Corresponding Secretary—Otto B. Petersen, Hartford, Conn.
Treasurer—Henry W. Fischer, Hartford, Conn.
Executive Committee—The Rev. A. G. Weng and Edward Wilson, Bridgeport, Conn.

After other business was transacted the meeting adjourned to lunch.

The Rally Service opened at 7:30 P.M. with the Rev. Mr. Traver as speaker, his address being "Personality and a Program." He pointed out whatever program we choose shows us the road we must travel but that it takes personality to work it out, and is nothing but a mockery unless we put Christ into it. Our aim should be to find our place of service and do our best in that service.

After an anthem, the installation of newly elected officers by the Rev. A. Traver took place.

The Attendance Banner was then awarded the Bridgeport League.

Brief remarks were made by the newly-elected president, Mr. Adolph Pass, after which the last session of the convention closed with the singing of the Hymn, "Abide with Me," and the benediction.

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NORTH CAROLINA

The Central District of the Luther League of North Carolina held its fall convention in Union Lutheran Church, five miles east of Salisbury, Sunday, October 24th, with a large attendance in spite of the inclement weather. Twenty-two of the thiry-four leagues in the district were represented with an attendance of 194 delegates besides quite a number of visitors and members of Union Church, of which the Rev. N. D. Bodie is pastor.

The theme of the convention was "Giving."

The sermon at 11 A.M. was preached by Dr. G. H. Cox of Salisbury, N. C., who spoke on "Christian Stewardship" in which he declared giving was not the chief thing in Christian stewardship, but service and the dedicating of lives to God's cause, and readiness to serve Him at any time.

Following the noon hour the devotions were led by Miss Beulah Lyerly of Christiana Luther League. Mr. Frank Cauhle of High Point, a student at the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and president of Luther League of N. C., delivered an address on "Self," and was followed by Miss Mabel Lippard, of Concord, who spoke on "Substance."

A feature of the convention was a pageant "Our Budget," given by members of St. Peter's Luther League.

A splendid musical program was rendered at both services.

The next meeting of the Central District will be held in the early spring with Lutheran Chapel Luther League near China Grove, N. C.

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OHIO

FINDLAY has inaugurated the Combination Service Sunday evenings. Rev. Mr. Myers is the pastor. Dr. Howard of the Fourth Church SPRINGFIELD is also using it. Glenwood of TOLEDO has been trying it out for over a year with success.

Trinity, SPRINGFIELD, uses the envelope system in their League. With seventy members in the Church they have fifty-two out to a meeting. How is that?

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PACIFIC NORTH WEST

The BROADCASTER under the letters PNWD has come with another package of choice League gossip.

The three SEATTLE Leagues held a join meeting recently with Mrs. H. C. Bell as the oratress. Mrs. Bell is field missionary of the Women's Society.

A CIRCULAR LETTER has started on its way around the District. It is to be read at the locals.

The visits of two visitors are reported: Mr. Fritz Kruger, son of our China missionary, and Miss J. Dorothy Borgstede, President of the New York City District and Missionary Secretary of the State League.

St. Mark's, BELLINGHAM, is buying a piano for the Church.

St. Paul's SEATTLE gave a program at the White Center Mission. That is the line of service that counts!

WISCONSIN

MADISON, from December 30th to January 2nd, will be the scene of the greatest Lutheran Student gathering ever held. The Lutheran Student Association of America is a growing and going concern. It ventures at this conference to discuss such questions as: 1. The Opportunities and Obligations of the Lutheran Church of America. 2. The Nature and Function of the Church. 3. The Opportunities and Obligations of Lutheran Students. 4. The Lutheran Associations of America. It is to be hoped that Luther Leagues having members at college will consider helping to send them to Madison.

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CONNECTICUT

Miss Alma Boack, of WATERBURY, one of our most active Leaguers was seriously injured in a motor accident recently. Friends all over the L. L. of A. join in sincere sympathy.

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NEW YORK

Things are stirring already for SYRACUSE in 1927. If these New Yorkers can put on anything better there than at Niagara Falls they are hummers. Answer: They ARE hummers!

MISS DOROTHY NAYLOR and REV. RAYMOND E. FINEHOUT, are two of the latest to enter the heavenly state of bliss. Miss Naylor is an active Leaguer and organist in St. James Church, Ozone Park, Long Island and the Rev. Mr. Finehout is pastor and president of the B. and L. I. District. He is also an ex-president of the State League.

Another League match is that of MISS ADALAIDE MEYER and the REV. PETER SCHROEDER, pastor of our Flushing Church. May God bless both these young couples.

ST. ANDREWS, RICHMOND HILL, L. I., tendered a farewell reception to Viggo Swenson, who has entered Gettysburg College in preparation for the ministry. Mr. Swenson is a true product of the devotional meeting. Here is a demonstration by Pastor Paul Y. Livingston that the weekly devotional can be made a success in a large city. And where the devotional has its rightful place in a local League program you will get results like this, young men and young women ready to give life for Christ. Good work, St. Andrews! Who will volunteer in 1927?

SYRACUSE SALTINES with Miss Frances Buecheler as editor is the latest New York product. It booms the Syracuse District.

Two District sons are off to prepare for the ministry this fall, George Heck and Elmer Hoppe.

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MINESOTA

Ruth Johnson is SOME EDITOR. So good that she can not get out of her job on The Minnesota Extender. A mere man couldn't know all the interesting things that she knows, anyway.

ST. MARK'S, MINNESOTA, was the gathering place for the Twin City youth at their fall banquet.

NORTHERN CITY MISSIONARY sounds like business. Here is a State League not afraid of

work. Enough has been pledged to assure salary and the Synod is looking for the man to call.

NORTH ST. PAUL LEAGUE has presented Altar vases to the Church.

SALEM, MINNEAPOLIS, is holding devotionals at 5:30 P.M. on Sundays and supper is served at 6:30 P.M.

Get these from *The Extender*: Congratulations! "Despite the fact that they tell us, 'That Marriage is the banana skin on the doorstep of romance,' several of our pastors led the way and took the fateful step this past summer. They are, Rev. Shellhart of Superior, Prof. Roth of Northwestern Seminary, Rev. Grant of Faith, St. Paul; and Rev. Stromberg of Alden-Walters."

"Some of our Leaguers also decided that they were through with this 'single-blessedness stuff' and have entered the ship of matrimony. They are: Walter Kamphouse of St. John's, Duluth and Gertrude Lindstrom of Trinity, Lindstrom Clarence Zimmerschied and Adele Holt of Salem, Minneapolis; Dr. Ray Lundquist and Anne Brown of Redeemer."

MICHIGAN

President Goering edits NUGGETS and passes on all the Michigan gossip through its pages. It is a good, readable news sheet.

MARYLAND

JOHN MARTIN, of Washington, is going to head the Transportation Committee for the Salisbury Convention. There will be interesting information forth-coming very soon as to side trips possible and rates, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA

A Presidents' and Workers' Dinner was held by the Harrisburg District. Fine idea. Let us hear of other Districts following suit.

BETHLEHEM, HARRISBURG has a Sunday Vespers Attendance Chart. Another hint for Leagues that are scarce at Vespers.

The PHILADELPHIA BROADCAST is on the air again this fall, Marvin H. Eckert, announcer.

This District contributed the wherewithal to support Kayoushi Harai, a Japanese student, while at Mt. Airy Seminary. He is now on the way to his native country.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

Offers the following "klatterdasch":

One of the most successful conventions ever held in Philadelphia District was the Fall Convention which took place at Transfiguration Church on Tuesday, October 19, at 8:15 P.M.

The church was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic group of young people, representing many churches of the city and vicinity, and we were glad to note a renewal of activity on the part of some who have been lax in the past year.

After the necessary business was briefly disposed of, Mr. Earl Stoner, the Missionary Secretary of Philadelphia District, presented the cause of Missions as applicable to the work of the District, particularly stressing Inner Mission activities, and pointing out the possibilities for service along this line.

The address of the evening was given by Mr. O F. Nolde, pastor of Grace Church, Wyndmoor, using as his subject "The Place of the Luther League in the Church." Mr. Nolde spoke as a Luther Leaguer to Luther Leaguers, and gave us a new conception of our possibilities and responsibilities as members of the Luther League.

Philadelphia District Extension Committee is planning to visit every League in the District during the period before Christmas, to awaken interest in the Luther League work as a whole. After this, the members of the Committee will visit those Leagues which are not yet members of the District, and finally visit the churches where there are no Luther Leagues, to try to organize Leagues.

Philadelphia District has a wide awake Basket Ball League. This year there are twelve teams in the League, and a splendid season is expected. A very fine trophy is awarded to the team with the highest average at the end of the season.

A LITTLE PICTURE WITH A BIG STORY

ELIZABETH COLE

"But is the old, old Christmas gone? Nothing but the hair of his good gray old head and beard left? I will have that, seeing that I cannot have more of him."—*Hue and Cry after Christmas.*

What pleasant old customs people used to have at Christmas! Washington Irving's Christmas stories in the *Sketch Book* breathe the spirit of the good old-fashioned Christmas. Who has not lamented with him because society has taken on a shallower, more sophisticated tone and cannot enter so wholeheartedly into the simple good fellowship of those former holiday seasons? Then the joy of a merry Christmas meant the joining of peer and peasant in celebrating together the Saviour's birth. The yule log, the holly and the mistletoe, the games, the country dance, the flowing wassail bowl, the groaning Christmas dinner table, the simple church service, the Christmas carol singers and above all the simple sociability of rich and poor alike, all contributed to the charm of Christmas in the "good old days."

Yet that is what Christmas really stands for—"Peace on earth, good will toward men!" "At Christmas be merry and thankful withal. And feast thy poor neighbors, the great and the small," sang the Christmas waits outside the windows in former days. In groups of three they used to go from house to house playing and singing to the townspeople. Then as their music died away in the distance the listener would drop peacefully off to sleep with the sweet Christmas music lingering in the air.

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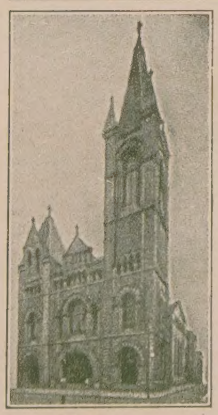

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